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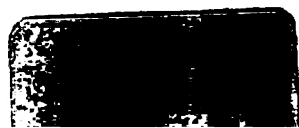
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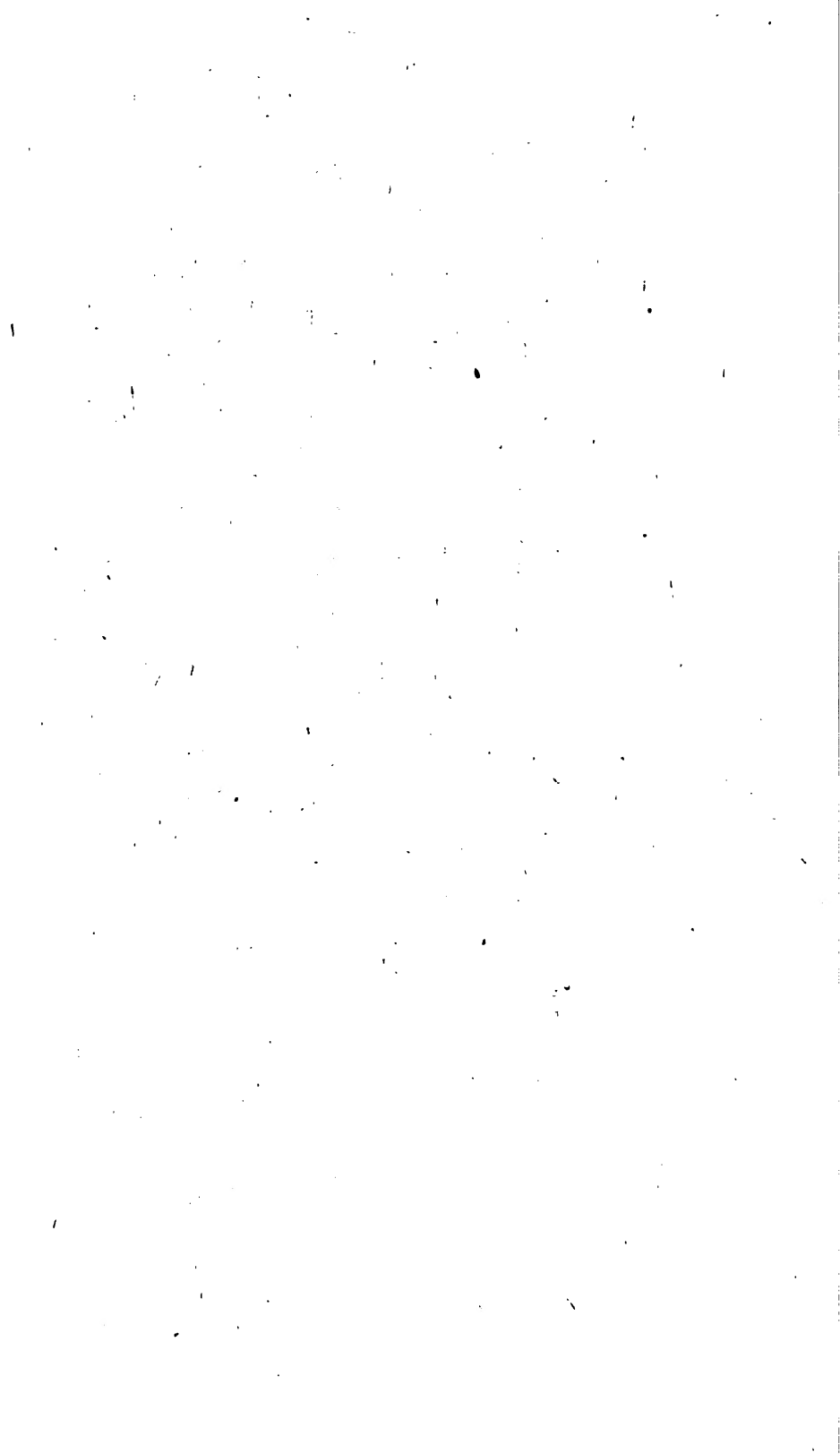
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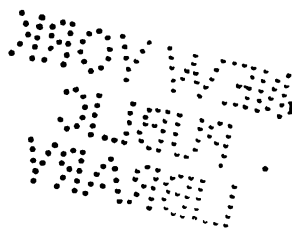
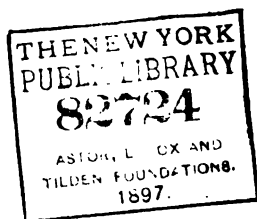
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**Q. I. WHO ARE NOW ADMITTED AS Ministers INTO FULL CON-
NEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE ?**

A. 1. In *Great Britain*,

(1.) James Ford and James Hargreaves, who have travelled five years, and who were continued on trial last year solely on account of the state of their health;

(2.) George Abbott, Thomas Chope, James M. Cranswick, Thomas Derry, Richard Evans, Frederick Hart, Henry W. Holland, David Jones, 2d, Robert Jones, 2d, Samuel Lord, Joshua Mottram, Henry Pollinger, Richard Smetham, Benjamin Smith, William Spencer, Henry J. Staley, Mark Symons, Thomas Timms, Francis T. Tranmer ;—

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, Elias Brettle, John S. Ellison, Walter Garry, Alexander Reid, John Wood, 2d ;

Also, William C. Currey, George H. Decker, Ebenezer D. Hepburn, Benjamin Latuselu, Joseph May, John G. Millard, Richard Watson, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, Edward Best, James Carey, George Chambers, William Christie, William Crook, jun., John Dwyer, Colin M'Kay.

Q. II. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain*, Thomas Akroyd, John Baker, John Bate, Richard Bell, Henry Cattle, Joseph R. Cleminson, Jonathan Dent, James D. Dodgson, Joshua Duffill, John T. Duncan, William Fern, Charles Garrett, John Gilbert, Samuel T. Greathead, Francis W. Greeves, Frederick C. Haime, William Harley, Robert W. Horsfield, Robert Horwood, John Hutchings, Henry W. Jackson, B.A., John Jeffreys, Isaac Jones, William Lees, Joshua Mason, James F. Masters, Marmaduke C.

Osborn, Jabez Overton, Thomas Pearson, 4th, Miles B. Pickering, Joseph Posnet, John Poulton, Whitfield Raw, John Reacher, John V. B. Shrewsbury, Joseph Simpson, James Smith, John S. Vickers, Thomas Vinson, John Walter, William Watson, John Webb, Joseph Willis, George E. Young;—

[Henry Edwards and George Moone have retired for want of health;—]

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, Walter J. Davis, William Hill, 2d, Joseph Rippon;

Also, William Byrnes, James Elliott, Joseph D. M. Ludorf, John W. Pemell, James Somerville, R. Alder Temple, *Assistant Missionaries*;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, Robert Collier, Robert Johnston, James Shaw;—

These have travelled THREE YEARS:

1. In *Great Britain*, George E. Allen, Samuel Atkinson, 2d, Benjamin Browne, John Dixon, David Evans, 2d, George Follows, Joseph W. Frankland, Edward Guest, Thomas Haslam, George P. Hester, John Hughes, 2d, John Knowles, 3d, George Lough, Alfred Mewton, Charles Nuttall, Henry Parry, John Pogson, James L. Posnet, Thomas S. Raby, Francis J. Sharr, Samuel S. Taylor, William J. Tweddle, Thomas Wilde, Charles J. Williams, William L. Wingell, Robert M. Woodward, William Woollam;—

[James H. Bryant has retired for want of health;—]

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, William Beach, Charles H. Bishop, Thomas Cannell, Robert W. Clegg, Emile F. Cook, B.A., George Douglas, 2d, Aaron Edman, Richard Fletcher, Ebenezer A. Gardiner, Joseph Gaskin, Robert Gilbert, Theophilus S. Gregory, Henry Hirst, John Polglase, Richard Ridyard, William Rotherham, William P. Wells, Joseph Williams, Henry P. Wilson;

Also, John Armstrong, 3d, William Holdsworth, James Kerr, William Moore, Paul Rodrigo, John C. Symons, George W. Tuttle, Joseph Waterhouse, Charles White, *Assistant Missionaries*;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, John Gilcriest, Robert Hazelton, Thomas A. M'Kee, Thomas Pearson, John R. Porter, William Quaile;—

These have travelled TWO YEARS:

1. In *Great Britain*, William Beattie, George Bowden, William H. Cave, James Chalmers, M.A., John Cope, William W. Duke, George B. Gaskell, Isaac Gould, William Hamar, Edwin Hirst, John Hooton, Walter P. Johns, Robert Jones, 3d, John Longden, Albert H. M'Tier, George W. Olver, B.A., Theophilus Pearson, John Rhodes, Robert Stephenson, B.A.,

William Swindells, Edward A. Telfer, George Walker, James R. Webb, Humphrey M. Wightwick, Robert N. Young ;—

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, Thomas M. Albrighton, Jason Chatterton, Harman Mason, George Piercy, Samuel Pritchard, Lionel D. Reay, Joseph Rylance ;

Also, John Ossu Ansah, James Armstrong, 2d, Alexander B. Black, George P. Brown, Joel Bulu, Joseph Dare, Joseph Dawson, Joseph Fillingham, Robert C. Flockhart, Thomas Gaetz, Timothy Lajng, Wesley Langy, John Latu, Joshua Matayenaniu, Frederick W. Moore, D. Henry Pereira, Charles W. Rigg, William Tweedy, Paul Vea, Samuel Waterhouse, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, John W. Ballard, Thomas Guard, Thomas Moran, William G. Price ;—

These have travelled ONE YEAR.

Q. III. What Preachers are NOW RECEIVED ON TRIAL ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain*, John Bond, William Gibson, B.A., Charles Hoskins, Charles Lawton, William Mollard, Henry J. Piggott, B.A., Theophilus Taylor ;—

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, Josiah Cox, William B. Wildish ;

Also, Othello Bayard, Alexander M. Desbrisay, George N. A. F. T. Dickson, Simon Dugand, Joseph Fernando, Simon Gasperson, James Hobday, Henry Pereira, John S. Phinney, J. Solomon, Henry Tindall, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, George Alley, Robert Crook, A.B., James Edwards, Oliver M'Cutcheon, John Wilson, Charles Wood.

Q. IV. What Ministers have DIED since the last Conference ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain* the *twenty-five* following :—

(1.) JOHN REYNOLDS, 1st ; who was born in the city of Coventry, November 6th, 1759. He had the privilege to belong to a family in which the venerable Wesley, and many of the excellent men who laboured with him in the Gospel, were frequent visitors ; and he was from infancy the subject of Divine influence. At the age of eighteen his convictions of sin became deep and distressing. He bitterly learned the inward depravity of his nature, and the total alienation of his heart from God. His night of sorrow at length passed away ; he was enabled to cast his guilty soul on the atoning blood of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit testified his acceptance with God. His heart, now filled with love, yearned with compassion for his fellow-men ; and from that time his Christian course was marked by great decision and diligence. In 1784 he removed to London, where he was permitted to enjoy the confidence and fostering care of the late Rev. Henry Moore. This acquaintance ripened into friendship, and was interrupted only by the hand of death. Mr. Moore introduced him to Mr.

Wesley, by whom he was admitted as a probationer for the work of the ministry, at the Conference of 1785, and appointed to the Oxford Circuit. He laboured in connexion with the Wesleyan Conference during a protracted period. His ministry was highly instructive and practical, always acceptable, and in some of his stations eminently successful. He was a sound expositor of the Scriptures; and his discourses, carefully studied, were sound in doctrine, and perspicuous in style. He was a man of great integrity, mild in his disposition, and unobtrusive in his habits. To his appointments he attended with the utmost punctuality, and in pastoral visitation he took ever-growing delight. In the maintenance of discipline he was firm and affectionate, ever ready to make sacrifices for the sake of peace, but never, even for peace, allowing important principles to be jeopardised. He secured, in an eminent degree, the esteem of the people of his charge, as well as of his brethren in the ministry. His attainments in knowledge were respectable. He wrote several works of a practical character, and translated a number of the sermons of Superville, which were published in two octavo volumes, and were well received. His last affliction was protracted and painful. In 1841 he was laid aside by an attack of influenza, and from that time was able but occasionally to exercise his ministry; but, as life ebbed out, he was graciously supported, and calmly resigned to the will of God. Just before "the weary wheels of life stood still," he exclaimed, "Christ is All in all;" and, looking up to heaven, as if in an ecstasy of delight, added, "Come, Lord Jesus; come quickly!" On the 17th of August, 1851, at South Lopham, in the Diss Circuit, he gently passed to that rest for which God had graciously prepared him, in the ninety-second year of his age, and the sixty-sixth of his ministry.

(2.) WILLIAM STOKES; a native of Staffordshire. Of his early history little information can be obtained. He entered our ministry in 1811, and laboured in several Circuits with fidelity and success. Through increasing infirmities he became a Supernumerary in 1840. A few years afterwards he was seized with paralysis, from which he never fully recovered. He was eminently a man of peace. Although suffering from great debility, he was anxious to employ the remnant of his strength in the work of his Redeemer. He suddenly expired, August 18th, 1851, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and the forty-first of his ministry.

(3.) BARNARD SLATER; who was born at Hambleton, in Yorkshire, on the 24th of February, 1779. The loss of an affectionate mother in early life produced a deeply-serious impression on his mind. In the year 1796 he first attended the Wesleyan ministry, at Cawood, in the Selby Circuit. The Gospel came with power to his heart; he was convinced of sin, and anxiously sought salvation. He prayed with much earnestness in secret, until God was

pleased to assure him of his pardon and acceptance, through faith in the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was in his seventeenth year. He joined our communion, and diligently availed himself of all the means of grace. In the same year he attended the religious services of the Leeds Conference. Under the ministry of the Revds. Joseph Benson and Samuel Bradburn, a deep impression was made on his mind that God had called him to preach the Gospel. A few months passed away before he commenced; but when he did so, God graciously crowned his labours by the conversion of souls; and so deep was his conviction that God had called him to the Christian ministry, that, after much self-examination and prayer, he offered himself to the Conference, and in the year 1803 received an appointment to the Louth Circuit. Entering on his work under a lively apprehension of its great importance, and of the necessity of possessing qualifications to show himself a workman needing not to be ashamed, he applied himself diligently to the cultivation of his mind; and, by unwearied application, supplied to a considerable extent the want of early advantages. Through life he continued to be an extensive reader, and a close student of the sacred Scriptures. His ministry was acceptable and useful. In his discourses there was a clear, full, and bold enunciation of the truth as it is in Jesus, with an earnestness and affection which commended it to the hearts of the hearers. He was a man of great simplicity of spirit and of purpose, a stranger to guile, having love without dissimulation. So amiable was his disposition, and so mild his deportment, that it was impossible to know him without esteeming him highly. Sincerely attached to Wesleyan Methodism, he not only inculcated its doctrines with zeal, but with affectionate fidelity administered its discipline, not allowing friendship or favour to divert him from his duty. While he was faithful and instructive in his public ministrations, he regarded these as but one part of his duty, and visited also from house to house, to comfort the troubled, admonish the careless, and encourage the faithful. During forty-seven years he laboured with faithfulness and acceptance in some of the most important Circuits, and secured the confidence and affection of his colleagues, of the people of his charge, and of the Ministers and members of other churches. In the year 1850 he was compelled by sickness and infirmities to become a Supernumerary. He selected Macclesfield, where he had been formerly stationed, as his abode; and, according to his strength, he employed his time in preaching, and visiting the sick and poor, with a prospect of spending the evening of life usefully to the church and the world. But it pleased the great Head of the church to order it otherwise. On Sunday morning, August 24th, 1851, while descending Alderley Edge, on his way to the house of God, he suddenly fell. When raised, he thought himself but little injured, and wished to

proceed to the chapel; and was with difficulty persuaded to return back to the house of his friend. On being conveyed home, he was cheerful in spirit, spoke with confidence of his speedy recovery, and observed to his medical attendant, "I have to preach in the town-chapels on Sunday next: you must have me ready for it." But his work was done, and his reward near. Shortly after thus expressing the purpose of his heart, he became unconscious: in this state he continued until Friday, August 29th, when he peacefully expired, in the seventy-third year of his age, and the forty-ninth of his ministry.

(4.) RALPH R. KEELING; who was born at Newcastle-under-Lyne, in the year 1796. He enjoyed the benefit of early Wesleyan training. His religious impressions and convictions resulted in his conversion to God, about the year 1812, under the faithful and instructive ministry of the Rev. Joseph Sutcliffe. He accompanied his mother to the weekly class-meeting, and, after labouring for some time under the spirit of bondage unto fear, was enabled to rely implicitly on the atonement of his Saviour, and obtained peace and joy through believing. He was appointed the Leader of a class at an early age, and, during several years in that office, his love for souls was largely developed. The state of his health, with other circumstances, induced him to postpone offering himself for the laborious work of the ministry in our Connexion till the twenty-eighth year of his age. Some time earlier he had a long and dangerous illness, which was sanctified as a means of his increased devotedness to God, and was succeeded by such an improvement in his health as opened the way for his immediate consecration to the service of the sanctuary. From that time his life was a series of faithful and efficient public labours, but chequered with repeated instances of severe personal affliction and bereavement. In most of the Circuits in which he was stationed he formed warm and enduring friendships with many of the wise and good. His solicitude to do good and to prevent evil was so transparent, that he was regarded by many with a respect bordering on veneration. He was cheerful without levity, communicative without imprudence, eminently conciliatory and kind, and habitually serious and spiritually-minded. His presence possessed a charm from its warmth and friendliness, and from his ability (cultivated by observation of men, and study of history, in which he greatly delighted) to speak on various subjects in an interesting manner, and to edification. His life was a pleasing and instructive exemplification of the religion he professed. His sound judgment, his great patience, his deep humility, his unbending integrity, his tenderness of conscience, his unceasing diligence, and his singular nobleness of mind, all indicated that "unfeigned faith" which dwelt within, and, through grace, clothed him with "whatsoever things are pure," and "lovely," and "of good report," and proved

him "an Israelite indeed, in whom was no guile." His ministerial character was as pure as his personal. He was specially well versed in Wesleyan theology, and in the pulpit his representations of it were clear and forcible. His mind was massive and powerful. He did not amplify or greatly adorn, much less exhaust, his thoughts; but his preaching was eminently impressive. He deeply and reverently felt the truths which he clearly expounded and earnestly enforced, and his labours were largely owned of God in the conversion of sinners, and in the general discipline of the church of Christ. He was an able Minister of the New Testament, and a kind, judicious, and faithful Pastor. As a Superintendent, he "naturally cared" for, and diligently attended to, every part of his charge, in a manner which remarkably combined a sober earnestness with affectionate vigilance and firm fidelity. Perhaps no one ever more fully secured the affection, the esteem, and the confidence of those who laboured with him. The moral and ministerial reputation of his brethren was as dear to him as his own. This was so well known that few ever ventured to speak disparagingly of them in his presence. He attended the Conference of 1851, and returned to Barnsley after its conclusion. On August 30th he was seized with an illness which precluded much converse with his sorrowing friends, and was summoned by the great Master to "come up higher," in the fifty-sixth year of his age, and the twenty-eighth of his ministry.

(5.) BENJAMIN CLAYTON; who was born at Farnley, near Leeds, and was brought to the knowledge of the truth in his fifteenth year. He entered upon his sacred calling in 1822, with a determination to make full proof of his ministry. He possessed a mind well disciplined, and his preaching was characterized by great fervour and variety. To Wesleyan Methodism he was earnestly and unwaveringly attached. Its doctrines, discipline, and institutions he loved with an ardour which no reproach or suffering could abate, and which continued to increase to the end. He was a discreet and faithful Pastor, kind and condescending in his attentions to the poor and afflicted among the flock of Christ. Unwearied and persevering, he brought all his powers to bear upon his great work. He had entered upon the duties of his last Circuit, when he was suddenly seized with fever, which terminated in death. The messenger was unexpected, but not unwelcome: his loins were girt, his lamp was burning; and, having served his generation by the will of God, he fell asleep in Jesus, October 11th, 1851, aged fifty-four years.

(6.) THOMAS GARBUTT, 1st. He was born at Stockton-upon-Tees, 1784, and brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In the fifteenth year of his age he entered into the liberty of the sons of God. Consistent piety and suitable gifts soon recommended him to the church as a person called of the Holy

Ghost to the Gospel ministry; and in 1807 he was separated to this office and work. His preaching was earnest and edifying, distinguished by frequent reference to subjects of experimental godliness, and fervent exhortations to the attainment of personal salvation. Adopting as his motto, "Holiness unto the Lord," he frequently testified of "perfect love," and strongly urged believers to seek this great blessing. As a Minister, he excelled in order, punctuality, and laborious attention to the interests of his charge. His exertions in behalf of the Missionary Society, for the relief of Chapel Trusts, and especially for the family of an afflicted brother Minister, will be long and gratefully remembered. In 1845, he retired as a Supernumerary to Doncaster; and there, as far as strength permitted, laboured with acceptance and success. His consolations in Christ abounded as his end approached. Eternity seemed to fill his thoughts; and he always spoke of death as a conquered foe. In one of his last letters, he remarked: "I can do nothing now but tell my friends that 'the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.' It cleanseth me." His strength gradually failed, until, on the 9th of November, 1851, he fell asleep in Jesus, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, and the forty-fifth of his ministry.

(7.) TIMOTHY C. INGLE, of the Nottingham North Circuit; who was born at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, June 17th, 1792. He was characterized, even from childhood, by an amiable frankness, which continued with him through life. When twenty-one years of age, he became the subject of evangelical repentance. This was imparted and fostered in the means of grace, and was at length attended with such intense mental agony that his loud cries for mercy awakened the family at midnight, and brought his devout mother to his chamber, with words of instruction and comfort. He was then directed to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world," and, by faith, received the atonement. Being a child of God, he rejoiced in the Spirit of adoption, and was filled with Divine peace. This could not be concealed, but was loudly proclaimed in words of fervent praise and love. One of the first evidences of Mr. Ingle's conversion was an ardent zeal for the salvation of others; and the fruit of that zeal was a gracious revival of religion in his own town. A call to preach Christ seemed coeval with his conversion, and therefore he soon exercised his talent as a Local Preacher. But he afterwards received an indubitable conviction that it was his duty to forsake all, and go and preach the kingdom of God. He was recommended to the Conference of 1816 as a candidate for the ministry, and received an appointment to the North Walsham Circuit. Here, as well as in other places afterwards, he made full proof of his ministry; and for more than thirty-five years he laboured with great diligence and acceptance in many important stations. As a friend and

colleague, Mr. Ingle was affectionate, faithful, and judicious. In social life his Christian cheerfulness and open-hearted candour endeared him to an extensive circle of friends. He was thoroughly a Wesleyan Minister. He loved his Master and his work. As a Pastor, he was discriminating and conscientious in giving admonitions and advice. He was remarkable for a clear and quick insight into the characters and capacities of men, and abounded in sympathy for the sorrowing members of his flock. As a Preacher, he was impressive, energetic, and successful. His thoughts were well arranged, his expositions lucid, and his citations of Scripture correct; his style as a speaker was easy and flowing, and his delivery earnest. He ever sought to adapt his discourses to his hearers, and was faithful in applying them. The health of Mr. Ingle, though naturally robust, sustained a severe shock two years before his death. From this he had fully recovered during his sojourn in his last Circuit. In the month of October last he caught a severe cold, which was followed by inflammation of the lungs, and issued in death. In his last illness his mind was tranquil and happy. Through intense suffering he could say but little, but that little was most satisfactory and cheering. The labours of the last three Sundays of his public life were distinguished by an unusual degree of Divine unction and devotional power. He died, in great peace, November 12th, 1851, aged fifty-nine years.

(8.) HODGSON CASSON. As he had not the privilege of a pious parentage, he was left in early life to follow without restraint his own evil inclinations. But, in the midst of his follies and sins, the Holy Spirit was working powerfully upon his mind. "I felt the striving of God's Holy Spirit," he writes, "but did not understand it: light shined in darkness; but the darkness comprehended it not." Under a sermon preached by the late Mr. Gregory, he was more clearly instructed, both as to his own state and the mode of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. He united himself to the people of God, soon found peace through believing, and at once became as zealous for God as he had previously been for the devil. In the highways, and fields, and market-places,—in short, wherever he could gather a congregation,—he faithfully and fearlessly called sinners to repentance. Success attended his labours. His own father was one of the first converts brought to God by his instrumentality, and many of his former companions were led by him into the way of truth. Mr. Casson entered the ministry in the year 1815, and pursued his labours with great zeal and energy. His character was strongly marked. An earnest and intense desire for the saving of souls became not only the single purpose, but the absorbing passion, of his life. For this he wrestled with God in mighty prayer, while he studiously cultivated his own personal piety. Conscious of the purity of his own intentions, and

guileless and unsuspecting as to others, he allowed himself occasionally, in his fervid public addresses, to adopt modes of expression not in accordance with good taste, or with the reverence which becometh the house of the Lord. Such peculiarities exposed him to censure, especially on the part of those who did not understand his character, and who had not come within the influence of his warm and genial friendship, and his pure and hallowing piety. But few can doubt that many souls will be his "crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus." In the year 1838 Mr. Casson was compelled by the loss of health to retire from regular duty. He continued, however, to labour to the extent of his ability, until he entered into the triumph of his Lord on the 23d of November, 1851, in the sixty-fourth year of his age, and the thirty-seventh of his ministry.

(9.) CHARLES RADCLIFFE; who was a native of the Isle of Man. His parents were devout Methodists, and trained their children in the fear and love of God. From a child he knew the holy Scriptures, and early in life he experienced the converting grace of God. His mind was active and inquiring. In boyhood he displayed considerable mathematical talent, which he cultivated with diligence and ardour. After discharging the duties of Class-Leader and Local Preacher for some time, he was received, in 1810, into the Wesleyan ministry; in which he laboured nearly thirty years, with credit to himself, and with great pleasure and profit to the people of his charge. His reading was extensive and varied. In subordination to theological studies, and to the sacred engagements of the ministry, he still pursued his favourite subjects in science, and in antiquarian research; while his general intelligence and ready conversational powers rendered him an attractive and valuable companion. Young people, especially, found in him an instructive and interesting friend. He was a man of great humility and docility of spirit. His temper was amiable and generous. Free from suspicions and jealousy, he never expected to find these in others; and, when he did, he despised and abhorred them. He was always cheerful; and it is believed by those who best knew him, that an unkind word never escaped his lips. His ministrations of the word of life were decidedly evangelical and practical; marked by evidences of extensive knowledge, by varied illustrations, and a style peculiarly natural and forcible. Pre-eminently a man of peace, and full of kindness toward other churches, he was firmly attached to the doctrine and discipline of our own. After spending his vigour in the service of the Connection, he was compelled by affliction reluctantly to relinquish the full duties of the ministry; but he submitted resignedly to the will of God, and in the more limited sphere of a Supernumerary employed his remaining strength cheerfully in his Master's service. Preaching was his delight; and until within a few weeks of his

decease he was found in his Master's work. His last affliction was somewhat sudden and severe; but he was prepared for his change, and met the last enemy with calmness. Confidently relying on the "mighty Saviour," as he loved to call the Redeemer, he finished his course peacefully, January 2d, 1852, in the sixty-sixth year of his age.

(10.) **GEORGE HIGHFIELD**; a native of Liverpool, born August 17th, 1761. After being brought under deep conviction of sin, he obtained a sense of acceptance with God on the 8th of May, 1781. He was taken by Mr. Wesley into the ministerial work in 1786, and became associated in many of our principal Circuits with some of the most eminent of our fathers, with all of whom he lived on terms of cordial and confidential friendship. In his disposition he was simple and unassuming, and in manners truly affectionate. He possessed a sound judgment, and was decisive in action. In his preaching he was evangelical, conclusive, and earnest. His language was simple and perspicuous; and from his own heart he addressed the hearts of his hearers. In 1797 and 1798, Mr. Highfield rendered eminent service to our cause at Huddersfield, at that time brought down there to its lowest condition. The "New Connexion" having drawn away all but a very few persons from our Society in that town, Mr. Highfield's labours, added to the fidelity of the few remaining members, were the means of reviving true and spiritual Methodism; and a long period of peace and prosperity followed. During the last few years of his life, he exemplified in affliction the sustaining power of the religion he had so long and faithfully preached. He enjoyed great peace, the consolations of the Lord abounded towards him, and daily with much joy he drew "water from the wells of salvation." The day immediately preceding his death was the Lord's day. He was on that day unusually filled with hope and gladness. He retired to rest repeating one of our hymns expressive of his spiritual joy; and, having outlived most of his former colleagues, he was that night called to his reward. He died, in the full assurance of hope, January 12th, 1852, in the ninety-first year of his age.

(11.) **MATTHEW MALLINSON**; who was born at Mirfield, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, November, 1779. In early life he was brought to a saving knowledge of God, by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and was received on trial as a Minister by the Bristol Conference in 1808. To the pious and intelligent his ministrations were generally acceptable and profitable. After maintaining for twenty years an unblemished reputation, he was compelled to retire from the more active service of the ministry. In 1832 he became a resident in York; where, in times of great trial, he remained faithful to Methodism. He preached occasionally, and met classes; and, after being a Supernumerary

twenty-two years, finished his Christian course, January 27th, 1852, aged seventy-two years.

(12.) JOHN EVANS, 1st; who was born in Bristol, February 28th, 1804. The particular circumstances of his conversion to God are not known; but no doubt was entertained by those acquainted with him that he had sought and found, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the pearl of great price. He was recommended as a candidate for the Wesleyan ministry by the late Rev. James Wood, and entered on its duties in the year 1825. He was a man of strong mind, of pleasing address, and of considerable talent. He was an animated and popular Preacher, and greatly beloved in the Circuits where he laboured. In consequence of domestic affliction, his health was so impaired, and his nervous system so shaken, that he was frequently unequal to the performance of ministerial duty, and was more than once compelled to rest from public labour. At the Conference of 1851 he was appointed to the Banwell Circuit, where he had previously been stationed, and hopes were entertained that his health would improve; but his work was almost done. Unwilling, however, to quit the field of labour, even on the last day of his life he was heard to say, "I began to preach the Gospel from principle; I continue to preach for the salvation of souls; and as long as I can travel and preach, I intend to do so." The same evening he preached with unusual power. After the public service, on his way home, he was suddenly seized with apoplexy, died January 29th, 1852, and thus ceased at once to work and live, in the forty-eighth year of his age, and the twenty-seventh of his ministry.

(13.) JAMES WHITWORTH; who died at Narberth, in the Pembroke Circuit, February 9th, 1852, in the sixty-second year of his age, and the forty-second of his ministry. He was converted to God when thirteen years of age. In the year 1810 he went out as a Missionary to the West Indies, where he continued for eleven years. He was subsequently stationed three years in South Africa. The remaining portion of his life was spent in connexion with the work at home. In the year 1845 he became a Supernumerary; but in his comparative retirement he engaged, as he was able, in ministerial duties, until within a few days of his death. As his "heart and flesh failed," he expressed strong confidence in God, and some of his last words were,—

"I the chief of sinners am,
But Jesus died for me."

(14.) ISAAC LILLY; who was born at Bingley, in Yorkshire, October 15th, 1766. In early life he was deeply convinced of sin, became a Methodist, and soon obtained, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, a clear sense of his acceptance with God. Shortly after his conversion he began to warn sinners to flee from

the wrath to come; and in the year 1790, in the Otley Circuit, commenced his ministerial career. In 1820, in consequence of increasing infirmities, induced by excessive labours, he was under the necessity of retiring from the full work of the ministry. Mr. Lilly's disposition was amiable. His manners were unassuming, gentle, and easy. His low estimate of himself often produced a painful and distressing diffidence. His ministry was remarkably simple and practical, and often attended with great unction. He exemplified the Gospel in his life, and was received with Christian affection and esteem wherever he laboured. Upon the death of his beloved wife, he became the subject of melancholy, and of such severe bodily affliction, that for several years he was wholly confined to his bed. A few months before his death, the sudden shock of an accident was the means of restoring his reason, which he retained for some few weeks. During this time his testimony to the power of Jesus to save was most delightful. When asked by one of his brethren the state of his mind, he said, "I feel a blessed resting on the atonement of Christ." One of the promises of God being quoted, he said, "They are not yea and nay, but yea and amen." From this period he began gradually to sink; and on the 21st of March, 1852, he entered into rest, in the eighty-sixth year of his age.

(15.) WILLIAM SLEEP; who was converted to God when about fifteen years old, and joined the Wesleyan Methodists in the Launceston Circuit. At the commencement of his Christian course, he was called to endure bitter persecution; but he continued steadfast in the faith of Christ, and in attachment to the people of his choice. Having given early proof of suitable qualifications for a sphere of public usefulness in the church of God, he was called into the work of the ministry in 1806. He was a man of genuine piety and great Christian simplicity. As a Minister, he was acceptable, laborious, and useful, and was generally favoured with manifest tokens of success. He became a Supernumerary in 1840; and, during the after-years of his life, he willingly rendered every possible assistance in the work of God, by pastoral visitation, by the formation of classes, and by preaching, as he was able; thus proving that the life of a Supernumerary may be both useful and happy. In January, 1847, he was wholly laid aside by paralysis from the active duties of his ministerial calling, though he still continued to meet his class in his own room, and to instruct and edify those who visited him. Some months before his death he was deprived of the power of speech; but still gave the most satisfactory intimations of his elevated delight in spiritual exercises, his abiding trust in Christ, and his heart-cheering hope of eternal life. He died at Helstone, March 30th, 1852, in the seventy-third year of his age, and forty-sixth of his ministry.

(16.) PETER PRESCOTT, SEN.; who was born near Leigh, in

the county of Lancaster, in 1779. In early life he began to fear God; and, when about fourteen years of age, he was brought to the experience and enjoyment of "the truth as it is in Jesus." Having entered the ministry, he devoted himself to the faithful and laborious discharge of its duties. In the earlier part of his career, and while his bodily strength was in its prime, he was remarkable for the zeal and power with which he dispensed the word of life. His style was clear and vigorous, and his pulpit ministrations in general were characterized by plainness and searching fidelity. He was remarkable for love of punctuality, and hatred of evil speaking. By no consideration of distance, weather, or inconvenience, would he suffer himself to be deterred from the fulfilment of his duties. In the spring of 1850 he was brought low by a stroke of palsy; and at the following Conference he became a Supernumerary, having travelled thirty-nine years. From that time until the spring of 1852, he was the subject of constant debility and frequent suffering; but during this period it was evident that he was growing in meetness for his place above. Nearly the last words he uttered were,—

"Number'd among Thy people, I
Expect with joy Thy face to see:
Because Thou didst for sinners die,
Jesus, in death remember me!"

On Monday, April 5th, 1852, his spirit winged its flight to the regions of eternal day.

(17.) THOMAS ROWE, of the Hastings Circuit; who died on the 24th of April, 1852, in the thirty-sixth year of his age, and the sixteenth of his ministry. He was the son of the late Rev. Thomas Rowe. "From a child" he knew "the holy Scriptures," and showed signs of the hallowing influence of the Spirit on his heart; and at the age of eleven found peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. He maintained his confidence, and "walked humbly with his God;" exhibiting great purity of mind, and strict consistency of conduct. He proved himself to be "a good Minister of Jesus Christ," by faithfully expounding God's holy word, and diligently attending to his pastoral duties. His constitutional diffidence could not long conceal those sterling qualities which proved him to be eminently worthy of confidence and affection, and made him beloved in the various Circuits in which he laboured. At the last Conference (his health failing) he retired to Hastings, with his two motherless children; one of whom he lost in December, and the other seven weeks after, only twelve weeks before his own death. During his last affliction he was graciously supported; and the comforts he had diligently administered to others were richly vouchsafed to himself. "Looking unto Jesus," his mind was, in a remarkable manner, kept in peace. On two occasions he was powerfully assailed by tempta-

tion, and suffered a momentary heaviness of spirit, which was followed by a bright manifestation of God's favour. His victory over the last enemy was glorious. His last words were, "I am looking to my home."

(18.) SAMUEL LEIGH; who was a native of Milton, in Staffordshire. By reading the holy Scriptures his mind became deeply impressed, at an early age, with the solemnities of future judgment and eternity; and, in his fifteenth year, he obtained a sense of pardon through faith in Jesus Christ. After much consideration he joined the Independent church of Hanley, of which he became a lay-helper, going out into the adjacent villages to expound the Scriptures, and exhort the people to flee from the wrath to come. In due time he was recommended to the Independent College at Gosport, and spent some time in that establishment. Reading and reflection, however, led him to differ from the Calvinistic theology of the Institution, and he felt that consistency required him to withdraw from it. He then entered into communion with the Wesleyan Methodists, was recommended to the Conference, and accepted. He had an abiding conviction of a call to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. Indeed, the great Head of the church had given him a peculiar adaptation for Missionary work. Endowed with a vigorous constitution, a cheerful and affable disposition, and a noble, disinterested generosity, his character was at once transparent and attractive. His mind was quick in its perceptions, prompt in its decisions, and resolute in prosecuting whatever he took in hand. Being once satisfied that a proposed object was in accordance with the great scheme of his life and the design of his ministry, he made it his concern to find out the readiest way of accomplishing it, whatever personal risks he might incur. He was the first Wesleyan Missionary to Australia and New-Zealand, and laid the foundation of our churches in both those colonies. He secured alike the esteem and confidence of the demoralised convicts of New South Wales, and of the cannibal savages of New-Zealand. The labours and privations to which he was subjected as a pioneer in that arduous service impaired his constitution, and rendered his return to England necessary.—As a Preacher, his expositions of Divine truth were clear and forcible; and, with the exception of an abruptness of manner not always agreeable, his ministry was both instructive and impressive. Whilst speaking at a Missionary Meeting, on the evening of Monday, November 24th, 1851, he felt unable to use a paper which he had previously prepared, or to see the figures he had just written. Soon after he was seized with paralysis, from which he never recovered. During his affliction he retained the perfect use of his faculties, enjoyed uninterrupted peace with God, and united in prayer with his usual fervour, until a few minutes before his death. He departed in great peace, May

2d, 1852, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, and the fortieth of his ministry.

(19.) JOHN DAVIS; who was born at Dursley, Gloucestershire, October 27th, 1780. He joined our Society when seventeen years of age, and maintained a Christian conversation from that period to the close of his life. He entered on the Christian ministry in 1802, and for forty-five years was enabled to preach Christ with acceptance and success. A stroke of paralysis then compelled him to become a Supernumerary. He combined great decision and energy of character with order and punctuality. In leading the devotions of the congregation he was often mighty in prayer, entering within the veil: he was also exceedingly impressive in the public reading of the holy Scriptures and the Liturgy. The interest which he felt in the prosperity of the cause of God was intense. To a generous and affectionate disposition he united great intelligence and considerable information. He was a good theologian, and well acquainted with the system of Methodism, which he loved and administered with prudence, forbearance, and brotherly kindness. His pulpit ministrations were practical and highly evangelical, manifesting an earnest desire for the salvation of men. A gracious unction frequently attended his preaching; and in most of the Circuits that he occupied there were many seals to his ministry, in proof that he was "a workman that needed not to be ashamed." In the pastoral relation he was diligent, and usually secured the affections and confidence of the people. In the year 1845, while labouring in the Leicester Circuit, he was laid aside by attacks of paralysis. Through protracted and severe bodily suffering, he was most delightfully sustained by Divine grace. About five weeks before his death he was again laid prostrate under paralysis, but, through mercy, retained possession of his mental faculties until within a few hours of his departure. Throughout his affliction he was kept in perfect peace, expressing an entire and firm trust in the one atonement through which he rejoiced in hope of the glory of God. When so oppressed with suffering that ordinary subjects failed to awaken in him the power of attention, no sooner was prayer offered than he gave proof that his heart was awake to Divine things, and that he drew near to God. His uniform testimony was, "I feel I am upon the Rock. Christ is everything to me. I feel He loves me." His soul was sustained in patience under a great weight of affliction, and his end was eminently peaceful. He died May 16th, 1852, in the seventy-second year of his age, and the fiftieth of his ministry.

(20.) JOHN P. JAMES; who was born at Newlyn, Cornwall. From the commencement of his Christian course, in his sixteenth year, his religion was decided and active. Early in 1845 he was convinced, after much prayerful consideration, that he was called of God to devote himself wholly to the work of the ministry.

Such was also the deep conviction of his Pastors, and of the Pen-sance Quarterly Meeting. He was admitted as a student into the Northern Branch of the Theological Institution, and most diligently improved the advantages with which he was thus favoured. Here his mind was cultivated, and his Christian graces were matured. During his residence at Didsbury he obtained the blessing of entire sanctification; and to the day of his death he testified, with deep and sacred joy, that "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." One hour, at least, he was wont to spend upon his knees every morning, in communion with Him whom he loved "with a perfect heart and a willing mind;" and he mixed prayer with all his studies. His three years' residence in the Institution he always reviewed with peculiar gratitude and delight. On his appointment to a Circuit "he studied to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." His sermons were delivered impressively, and often most affectingly. His walk was circumspect and exemplary; his spirit, truly amiable; his conversation, instructive and profitable. Few young Ministers ever better earned the praise of being "an example in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." In his whole demeanour there was a beautiful mingling of the serious and the cheerful. In the spring of the year, his health having seriously suffered, he took a journey to his native county, and, on the way, ruptured a blood-vessel. Rapid consumption followed; and on the 11th of June, 1852, he closed his eyes on the scenes of this world, to open them on the land of pure and immortal delight. During his illness, his mind was calm and happy. A dear friend inquiring whether he found Christ as precious as he ever expected to find Him, he answered, emphatically, "Yes; except in the depths of eternity." On one occasion he rapturously exclaimed,—

"I see a world of spirits bright,
Who reap the pleasures there;
They all are robed in purest white,
And conquering palms they bear," &c.

A short time before he died, he sung, in sweet tones, the 217th hymn, and in a few minutes he was "summoned to the marriage-feast," and his faith ended in sight. He was a perfect and an upright man, and his end was peace. He died in the thirtieth year of his age, and the fourth of his ministry.

(21.) JOHN SEDGWICK, of the Pontefract Circuit; who was born in Wensleydale, and converted to God in early life. Having been already actively employed in endeavouring to promote the glory of God, he was accepted by the Conference in 1808, as a candidate for our ministry. For forty-four years he maintained the truth with purity and simplicity. He was firmly attached to our doctrines and discipline. In his manner he showed uncor-

ruptness and gravity. In all his intercourse with the people, he gave proof of being a man of one work. With a devotedness resembling that of the great Apostle of the Gentiles, who became all things to all men, by a willing dedication of his talents in the service of all, he was singularly eminent in ability to adapt himself to the condition and apprehension of those with whom he conversed. Whether with the better educated in the parlour, or with humbler persons in the cottage, he manifested the earnestness, without losing the dignity, of the man of God. His sermons were clear expositions of the Divine word, generally delivered with a pathos which made them to be felt by his hearers. In his Circuits he was greatly esteemed, and, in the best sense, popular. In 1844 he became a Supernumerary, and, for a time, notwithstanding an attack of paralysis, persevered in doing such work as his remaining strength permitted. When unable to leave his house, he preached effectively to all occasional visitors, testifying the power and consolation of the Gospel. A few days before his death, he said to his medical attendant, "I am going to heaven, Sir." Early in the morning of his dying day, when seized with great pain, he beguiled the suffering by singing, with great emotion,—

"When Jesus makes my heart His home,
My sin shall all depart :
And, lo, He saith, I quickly come,
To fill and rule thy heart."

He then said, "Tell my friend Mr. Haswell that I die in the faith;" and immediately expired, June 28th, 1852, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and forty-fourth of his ministry.

(22.) JAMES BECKWITH; who was born in the county of Durham. His parents brought up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord: he was converted to God in early life, and entered the Wesleyan ministry in 1814. He was a man of general information, as well as a sound theologian; and his preaching was distinguished by considerable intelligence, originality, and practical usefulness. For several years in the prime of life he was laid aside by affliction, and it is believed that severe personal and domestic sufferings were sanctified to his spiritual improvement. While a Supernumerary Minister, he evinced his strong attachment to constitutional Methodism, and defended its principles when virulently assailed in the contentions of 1835. His health being restored, he was appointed to a Circuit in 1841; and for several following years he continued to discharge the duties of a Wesleyan Minister. During a great part of the last year he was unable to preach; and, after severe suffering, which he endured with resignation, he finished his course in peace, July 25th, 1852, in the fifty-eighth year of his age.

(23.) WILLIAM CULCHETH; who was born at Daventry, in 1810. From childhood he was the subject of religious impres-

sions, and he early yielded evidence of a genuine conversion. He was distinguished by his love of reading, and he devoutly studied the sacred Scriptures. From the outset of his public career he was an acceptable and useful Preacher. He entered the ministry in 1833, and laboured with great diligence and zeal in the various Circuits to which he was appointed. His sermons were characterized by clearness of arrangement, simplicity of style, and an earnest enforcement of the more prominent truths of experimental and practical godliness. He was studious and methodical in his habits, unremitting in his exertions to promote the great objects of the Christian ministry, and to maintain the discipline established in the Methodist churches. For several months his health was rapidly failing, but he laboured on till within a month of his decease, happy in his work. When, at length, through increasing weakness, he was compelled to desist, he was still happy in resignation to the Divine will, and in the prospect of a glorious immortality. He died in peace, July 26th, 1852, in the forty-second year of his age, and the nineteenth of his ministry.

(24.) WILLIAM HINSON; who was born in the county of Norfolk, in the year 1777. After having given evidence of conversion to God, he began to call sinners to repentance. He was admitted on trial for the Wesleyan ministry in 1806, and continued to labour with acceptance until 1840, when bodily infirmities obliged him to become a Supernumerary. He was a man of fine spirit, gentle and conciliatory in his deportment, constant in his friendships, and affectionate toward his brethren and colleagues. His pulpit-style was chaste, and characterized by Christian simplicity. The saving truths of the Gospel he exhibited with much clearness, and applied to the understanding and hearts of his hearers with much affection and power. As his end approached, his weakness was so extreme that he could scarcely speak; but that which he did utter was expressive of his sole dependence on the atonement of Christ, and the supporting power of Divine grace. He fell asleep in Jesus, on the 9th of August, 1852, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

(25.) JAMES JONES, 1st; who died August 13th, 1852, at Sheffield, during the session of Conference, aged sixty-five years, and having laboured forty years as a Wesleyan Minister.—He was born in Kent, and trained in the fear of God. In early life he was brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. A considerable portion of his ministerial life he spent in Norfolk, where many received benefit from his ministry and example, and expressed their high esteem for him. He was a man of great simplicity and integrity, looking on the things of others quite as much as on his own things. He was remarkably modest, and always ready to esteem others better than himself. His affectionate spirit and great constancy rendered him a valuable friend; his unaffected

piety spreading a healthful savour around him. In his own house he walked before the Lord, with a single eye to the happiness and salvation of his family; and he sought to impress them with a practical concern for the cause of God at home and abroad. He was a man of true liberality; feeling that what he had he held in trust, and that he must soon account to God for the use of every talent. He was remarkably unselfish, and exact in all his transactions. His ministry was marked by the greatest fidelity, both in the constancy with which he attended to every part of his duty, and in the earnest faithfulness with which he sought to impress on others the truths which rested with so great weight on his own heart. He was diligent and affectionate in his attentions to the sick and poor of his flock, and was proportionately beloved by them. His last affliction continued for ten days, and was, from the first, severe and threatening. At an early stage of it he gave up the idea of recovery. But he displayed a full readiness for his expected change, and a desire to depart and to be with Christ. He frequently expressed his great love to his brethren, and fervently prayed that God would bless them, and own their labours to the advancement of His glory and the welfare of His church. He died in great peace, and in joyful hope of endless life.

2. In Ireland, two; viz.,—

(1.) HENRY DERRY. This highly esteemed Minister was born in Mountrath, in the Queen's County. In early life he was awakened to feel his guilt and danger as a sinner, and soon after was made a partaker of justifying and renewing grace. He possessed a sound judgment, a vigorous intellect, and a retentive memory; which intellectual endowments, cultivated and strengthened by diligent and persevering study, and added to no ordinary attainments in holiness, rendered him an able Minister of the New Testament; so that, in all the Circuits where he laboured, he proved himself to be "a workman that needed not to be ashamed." His sermons, clear in arrangement, evangelical in matter, affectionate and earnest in application, were frequently accompanied with much of the gracious unction of the Holy Spirit. He was a man of meek and quiet spirit; yet, when occasion required, he manifested an unyielding firmness in maintaining the truth of the Gospel, and the discipline of the church of Christ. He was strongly attached to the doctrine and economy of Wesleyan Methodism, while he was truly catholic in spirit, and loved all who loved the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. For the last few years of his life he resided in Dublin, where he was much beloved, and where his ministry was highly valued. Advancing years did not in any degree diminish his deep concern for the salvation of sinners. By manifesting a willingness to exert all his remaining strength in preaching the Gospel of Christ, and by cheerfully

undertaking any portion of ministerial labour assigned to him, he evinced unabated ardour in the cause of the Redeemer. In his last illness he was graciously sustained; and, though his sufferings were very severe, he was not only saved from all murmuring, but, his heart being filled with peace and joy, he exulted in the near prospect of a glorious immortality. His happy spirit took its flight on the 21st of November, 1851, when he was in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and the fifty-third of his ministry.

(2.) THOMAS RIDGEWAY. He was a native of Edenderry, and in early life was brought to the enjoyment of the favour of God through the instrumentality of Wesleyan Methodism. He was called to the ministry in 1789, by our venerable founder, and continued to fulfil his arduous vocation, with the exception of one year, until the Conference of 1829, when increasing infirmities compelled him to become a Supernumerary. He then settled in Belfast, where he laboured, as his strength would permit, till within a few days of his death. He was a man of incorruptible integrity, cordially attached to our doctrines and discipline, zealous, unwearied, and useful in the work of his great Master; and he approved himself a Minister of God, "by pureness, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, and by love unfeigned." The regularity with which, while a Supernumerary, he attended the public worship of God, commanded the admiration of all who knew him. Whenever the sanctuary of the Lord was opened for worship, he was usually found there. For some time before his death it was manifest that he was becoming daily more fully "meet to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light." His last illness was of short duration; and, when the period arrived that he must put off this tabernacle, though not able to speak much, he felt that he had a saving interest in Christ, was very happy in God, and longed to be dissolved, that he might "ever be with the Lord." His passage through the valley and shadow of death was so easy and peaceful, that he seemed to experience only "the bliss," without "the pain," "of dying;" for he calmly fell asleep in Jesus, "in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life." He died on the 1st of March, 1852, in the ninety-fifth year of his age, and the sixty-third of his ministry.

3. In our *Foreign Missions*, two have died; viz.,—

(1.) WILLIAM H. A. DICKSON; who was born in London, in the year 1825, and was soundly converted to God in early life, having obtained redemption in the blood of Christ when he was thirteen years old. He soon discovered a decision and progress of character far in advance of his age, and evinced a fervent desire to be a Missionary to the Heathen. He embarked for Ceylon in November, 1846. On his way out he caught a severe cold, which left fatal effects on a constitution naturally weak. He entered upon

his work, however, with high aims, and resolutely grappled with the difficulties of an Eastern Missionary's career; and, during the brief term of his labours, he prosecuted his studies, and exercised his ministry, with an energy which he could never be induced to relax. He walked closely with God; and his preaching, his ordinary conversation, his very address, revealed a mind in constant intercourse with Heaven. In the latter end of 1850 a growing disease compelled him to seek relief in a change of climate. He arrived at Madras on the last day of the year. At first there was an apparent amendment in his health, and his brethren indulged a hope of recovery; but from the beginning of August, 1851, he sunk rapidly. On one occasion he said to the physician who attended him, "I have unutterable longings to be in the place where I shall never sin, or see sin." He died very quietly and happily, September 18th, in the twenty-fifth year of his age, and the fifth of his ministry.

(2.) JOSEPH A. HEURFAUX, a native of Hayti; who was converted to God when about twenty years of age, and soon gave indications of a call to the ministry. He was a young man of good education, deep piety, and superior talents; diligent and persevering in his studies, and exemplary in his life and conduct. His heart was truly in his work; and all who knew him anticipated that in him Hayti would one day possess "a burning and shining light." His sufferings were great, but he was fully resigned. For a few days before his illness there was a manifest and remarkable deepening of the work of grace upon his soul. During the whole of his agonies, and even in his highest delirium, his language was indicative of a soul clinging to the Cross. When he had lost the power to speak, he raised his hands and eyes, and with his finger pointed to heaven, as if to show that his hope and his home were there. This deeply-lamented young herald of the Cross died on the 2d of December, 1851, in the twenty-fifth year of his age, and the third of his ministry.

Q. V. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Ministers, or Preachers on Trial?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. VI. What persons, who were in full connexion with the Conference, have now CEASED TO BE RECOGNISED as Ministers among us?

A. 1. Stephen Kay, John Hodge, and Richard Shepherd.

2. Thomas Rowland, William Burnett, and James Allison.

3. William L. Horton,* John G. Manly.

* In the case of Mr. William L. Horton, the Conference adopted the following Resolutions:—

"1. That the Conference receives the resignation of Mr. William L. Horton, and no longer recognises him as a Wesleyan-Methodist Minister.

"2. That, had this resignation appeared simply as the result of a change in Mr. Horton's conscientious views of church-order,—developed in a peaceable

4. Peter Percival, Joseph K. Tucker, Thomas Bolas, Samuel Annear, and Robert A. Johnson have voluntarily retired from our ministry.

5. Henry Cox has retired for want of health.

Q. VII. How are our Ministers, and Preachers on Trial, STATIONED for the ensuing year ?

A. As follows; viz.,—

[N.B. Each of the places mentioned in these Stations, and numbered from 1 to 502, is the head of a Circuit.

The Superintendent and other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits undermentioned, is and are appointed by the Conference to preach, and to perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline, in each and every of the Wesleyan-Methodist Chapels already erected, or to be erected, within each Circuit respectively, within the space of twelve calendar months, at such time or times, and in such manner, as to him or them shall seem proper; subject, nevertheless, to the Superintendent Minister.]

GREAT BRITAIN.

[JOHN SCOTT, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.
JOHN FARRAR, SECRETARY.]

I.—THE LONDON DISTRICT.

- 1 *First London*, (*City-Road, &c.*,) Charles Prest, Henry Bleby, Thomas Pennington, Thomas Williams, 1st, William B. Pope; Joshua Fielden, William Brocklehurst, Supernumeraries.
William L. Thornton, M.A., William H. Rule, Editors; John Mason, Book-Steward.
John Beecham, D.D., Elijah Hoole, George Osborn, and William Arthur, M.A., General Secretaries

and catholic spirit, and attended by no circumstances suggestive of a want of previous sincerity and good faith,—it would have been accepted by the Conference without question or comment, and with a willing deference to the high claims of conviction and a sense of duty.

"3. But that, considering, first, within how short a period before his abjuring all the distinctive principles of Wesleyan Methodism, Mr. Horton (after a lengthened course of study and instruction, comprising the very questions which those principles involve) had publicly declared his adherence to them, and had solemnly engaged to observe and maintain them; and considering, secondly, how actively he has employed the interval between his resignation and the annual assembly of his fathers and brethren, by whom alone that resignation could be formally received, in pouring open derision upon *them*, and on the system which *they* have conscientiously deduced from Holy Scripture,—not scrupling to represent that system, by whose instrumentality *he* has professed to have been made a partaker of Christ, as 'essential Popery,' and labouring to turn the hearts of Christian people against it; the Conference is deeply grieved to recognise in Mr. Horton's whole procedure during the year the evidences of culpable ingratitude and great unfaithfulness. And this judgment it deems it right to record."

for our Missions; Samuel Young, Superintendent, under the direction of the Missionary Committee, of the Irish Missions and Schools.

N.B. 1. Robert Young is appointed to visit Australia and New-Zealand.

2. Dr. Bunting is respectfully requested to afford the aid of his counsel to the Missionary Secretaries and to the Committee, as far as his health will permit.

Wesleyan Theological Institution :

Jabez Bunting, D.D., President of the Institution.

Southern Branch, Richmond, Thomas Jackson, Theological Tutor; Samuel Jackson, House-Governor; JOHN FARRAR, SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE, Classical Tutor; Robert N. Young, Assistant Tutor.

Northern Branch, Didsbury, John Hannah, D.D., Theological Tutor; John Bowers, House-Governor; Jonathan Crowther, Classical Tutor; George W. Olver, B.A., Assistant Tutor.

Normal Training Institution, Westminster, JOHN SCOTT, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, Principal; Michael C. Taylor, Secretary of the Education Committee; Edwin Hirst, President's Assistant.

Uxbridge, Paul Orchard, jun.

N.B. Brother Orchard shall act under the direction of the House-Governor at Richmond.

2 *Second London (Great Queen-Street, &c.,)* Alfred Barrett, James Parkes, John W. Greeves; Joseph Walker, Supernumerary.

3 *Third London, (Spitalfields, &c.,)* Peter M'Owan, Joseph Lawton, George Maunder, William Hopewell; James Baker, Supernumerary.

Thames Mission, Joseph Binns, who shall change once on each Sabbath with the Ministers of the Third London Circuit.

4 *Fourth London, (Southwark, &c.,)* Henry H. Chettle, Hugh Jones, James Wheeler; Benjamin Clough, Supernumerary.

5 *Fifth London, (Lambeth, &c.,)* Frederick J. Jobson, Thomas Nightingale, Luke H. Wiseman, George Scott, 2d, Thomas Akroyd; John Knowles, 1st, James Lynch, Thomas Key, Supernumeraries.

6 *Sixth London, (Hinde-Street, &c.,)* William Barton, Henry W. Williams, George Smith, 3d; Joseph Sutcliffe, A.M., Joseph Lewis, William M. Bunting, John C. Leppington, Supernumeraries.

7 *Seventh London, (Chelsea, &c.,)* William Naylor, Richard Hardy; John Bicknell, Supernumerary.

8 *Eighth London, (Islington, &c.,)* John Hall, Benjamin B. Waddy, Daniel West, William Edwards, 2d; John

- Kershaw, Isaac Phenix, sen., Isaac Phenix, jun., Supernumeraries.
- 9 *Deptford*, William O. Booth, Josiah Pearson ; Thomas Rogers, Supernumerary.
N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Greenwich.
- 10 *Woolwich*, Robert Thompson, John W. Close ; Thomas Martin, Supernumerary.
- 11 *Hammersmith*, William D. Goy, Jacob Morton.
- 12 *Croydon*, Thomas Payne, James A. Macdonald ; Edward Chapman, Supernumerary.
- 13 *Barking and Romford*, John L. Sanders, who shall change once in every four weeks, on the Lord's day, with the Ministers of the Third London Circuit.
- 14 *Leyton*, James Kendall, 1st, who shall change twice in every quarter of a year, on the Lord's day, with the Ministers of the First and Eighth London Circuits:
- 15 *Ware and Bishop-Stortford*, Joseph Whitehead, John Jeffreys.
- 16 *Cambridge*, James Brownell, Marmaduke C. Osborn.
- 17 *Windsor*, Thomas Turner, George B. Gaskell.
- 18 *Chelmsford*, William Drewitt, Henry W. Jackson, B.A.
- 19 *Maldon*, Francis Barker, Robert Horwood.
N.B. Brother Horwood shall reside at Leigh.
- 20 *Colchester*, Samuel Lucas, 1st, William Allen, 3d ; William Sharpe, Supernumerary.
- 21 *Manningtree*, William Box, Robert Keyworth, George B. Mellor.
N.B. Brother Keyworth shall reside at Harwich.
- 22 *Ipswich*, Aaron Langley, Richard Woodfin ; George North, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Woodfin shall reside at Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 23 *Hastings*, John Hobkirk, Francis J. Sharr ; James Lancaster, Supernumerary.
- 24 *Sevenoaks*, John Gregory, John Bramley.
- 25 *Tunbridge-Wells*, Edward Jennings, Benjamin Frankland, jun., B.A., Thomas Derry.
N.B. Brother Frankland shall reside at Tunbridge, and brother Derry at East Peckham.
- 26 *Lewes and Eastbourne*, Joseph Pechey, who shall change regularly with the Ministers of the Brighton Circuit.
- 27 *Brighton*, Peter Cooper, George T. Morrison, John Hebb.
N.B. Brother Morrison shall reside at Worthing.
- 28 *St. Alban's*, John Knowles, 2d, James Cooke, 3d ; Thomas Collins, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Cooke shall reside at Watford.
- 29 *Guildford and Alton*, Richard Chapman, Joseph Exell, Thomas Vinson.
N.B. Brother Exell shall reside at Alton, and Brother Vinson at Petersfield.

30 *Dorking and Horsham*, Alexander Puddicombe, Joseph Bate.

N.B. Brother Bate shall reside at Horsham.

JOHN SCOTT, *President of the Conference, Chairman of the District.*

FREDERICK J. JOBBSON, *Financial Secretary.*

II.—THE BEDFORD AND NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

31 *Bedford and Amptill*, William H. Clarkson, Joseph Midgley,
Thomas B. Goodwin; Maximilian Wilson, Wil-
liam Dixon, Alexander Hume, Supernumeraries.

32 *Leighton-Buzzard*, John Booth, Robert S. Ellis, Thomas Harding.
N.B. Brother Harding shall reside at Stewkley.

33 *Luton*, Wright Shovelton, Matthew T. Male.

34 *Dunstable*, James Rosser, Walter Coates.

35 *St. Neot's*, Adam Fletcher, James Sugden, Robert W. Hors-
field; John Piggott, Supernumerary.

36 *Biggleswade*, Robert Maxwell, George Rowe.

37 *Hitchin*, William Davies, 1st, who shall change once in six
weeks with the Ministers at Biggleswade.

38 *Huntingdon*, James Rathbone, William Lindley, James Hartle.

39 *Northampton*, John Wevill, William Tarr; William Taylor,
Supernumerary.

40 *Towcester*, James S. Haigh, Charles Hillard.

41 *Daventry and Rugby*, Joseph T. Wilkinson, Samuel Wesley,
William Harley.

42 *Newport-Pagnell*, Thomas Pearson, 1st, Joseph Willis.

43 *Higham-Ferrers*, John Pearce, John Webb.

44 *Wellingborough*, William W. Rouch, John T. Morley; John Cullen,
Supernumerary.

45 *Kettering*, Henry Banks, William Woollam; Henry Fish, M.A.,
Supernumerary.

N.B. Brother Woollam shall reside at Desborough,
and divide his labours between the Kettering
and Market-Harborough Circuits.

46 *Market-Harborough*, Robert Mainwaring; Richard Eland, sen.,
Supernumerary.

47 *Chatteris*, Charles Carter, Benjamin Field.

48 *Oundle*, Samuel H. Wardley, Samuel S. Taylor; Isaac
Aldom, Supernumerary.

JAMES ROSSER, *Chairman of the District.*

WILLIAM H. CLARKSON, *Financial Secretary.*

III.—THE KENT DISTRICT.

49 *Canterbury*, John Nelson, 1st, Thomas Wilkinson; Joseph
Wilson, Supernumerary.

N.B. Brother Wilkinson shall reside at Whitstable.

50 *Faversham*, Jabez Rought, Edward Fison.

51 *Rochester*, Philip Hardcastle, Henry L. Church.

52 *Gravesend*, Martin Jubb, John Jones, 3d.

N.B. Brother Jones shall reside at Dartford.

53 *Sheerness*, Jesse Pilcher, who shall change on one Sunday in

- every six weeks with the Ministers of the Rochester Circuit; John Smith, 1st, Supernumerary.
- 54 *Margate*, James Mowat, William H. Cornforth; Robert Morton, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Cornforth shall reside at Ramsgate.
- 55 *Dover*, James Cooke, 1st, John W. Dawson; James Jarrett, Supernumerary.
- 56 *Deal*, Benjamin Andrews, LL.D., John Dawson.
- 57 *Rye*, George Ranyell, James Smith.
- 58 *Tenterden*, Edmund Lockyer, William J. Dawson.
- 59 *Ashford*, Thomas Dove, John Gilbert.
- 60 *Sandhurst*, William Worth, Robert Dyson.
- 61 *Maidstone*, John Geden, Frederick Hart.
- Sittingbourne*, Walter O. Croggon, who shall change on one Sunday in every four weeks with the Ministers at Faversham.
- Boulogne, (English,)* William Toase, Supernumerary.

BENJAMIN ANDREWS, LL.D., *Chairman of the District.*

JAMES COOKE, 1st, *Financial Secretary.*

IV.—THE NORWICH AND LYNN DISTRICT.

- 62 *Norwich*, William M. Harvard, M.A., Thomas Rigby; John Hanwell, Supernumerary.
- 63 *Bungay*, John Tucker, Robert G. Badcock; William Edwards, 1st, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Badcock shall reside at Loddon.
- 64 *North-Walsham*, Benjamin G. Mitchell, William Hopkins.
- 65 *Yarmouth*, Thomas Moss, Thomas Hulme; James Waller, Supernumerary.
- 66 *Lowestoff*, Andrew Mackintosh, Thomas Wilde.
- 67 *Framlingham and Peasenhall*, James Aldis, who shall change once a month with the Ministers at Bury St. Edmund's.
- 68 *Diss*, James Allen, 2d, John Sharman, Jabez Overton.
N.B. Brother Sharman shall reside at Botesdale.
- 69 *New-Buckenham*, Edward Crofts, Thomas Haslam.
- 70 *Bury St. Edmund's*, Richard Tabraham, John Danks.
- 71 *Holi*, Charles Willis, who shall change on one Sabbath in every three weeks with the Ministers at Walsingham.
- 72 *Lynn*, John Hannah, 2d, Thomas M. Fitzgerald, James D. Dodgson.
- 73 *Swaffham*, Joseph Lowthian, James F. Masters.
- 74 *Downham*, John Hague, William Mollard.
N.B. Brother Mollard shall reside at Stoke.
- 75 *Walsingham*, James Stott, Charles B. Ritchie.
- 76 *Wisbeach*, John Owen, Frederick F. Edmunds; William Dalby, Supernumerary.
- 77 *Thetford*, William Baddeley, John Livingston.
N.B. Brother Livingston shall reside at Methwold.

- 78 *Mildenhall*, Joseph Sykes, John Poulton; Thomas Newton,
Supernumerary.
79 *Ely*, James P. Dunn, Henry Pollinger, Charles Garrett.
WILLIAM M. HARVARD, M.A., *Chairman of the District*.
JAMES ALLEN, 2d, *Financial Secretary*.

V.—THE OXFORD DISTRICT.

- 80 *Oxford*, Robert Day, Uriah Scott.
81 *High-Wycombe*, William Davies, 2d, Henry Needle.
82 *Aylesbury*, James Ray, Joseph Simpson.
83 *Witney*, Peter C. Horton, Joseph Portrey.
84 *Banbury*, Richard Hornabrook, Richard Bell.
Kineton, William Baker, jun., who shall change on one
Sunday in every month with the Ministers at
Banbury.
85 *Newbury*, Joseph Hollis, James P. Fairbourn, Henry J.
Piggott, B.A.
86 *Reading*, Samuel Cooke, William O. Aldom.
87 *Hungerford*, Thomas Rogerson, John Anderson, John Knowles,
3d; William Homer, Supernumerary.
88 *Watlington*, George F. Driver.
Thame, John P. Johnson; Paul Clarke, Supernumerary.
N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits
shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks.
89 *Brackley*, Elijah Toyne, John Nowell, 2d.
90 *Chipping-Norton*, Thomas Withington, William L. Wingell.
91 *Swindon*, Ebenezer Tovey, James Hughes.
N.B. Brother Hughes shall reside at Farringdon.
92 *Wantage*, James Mayer, William F. Clark, Miles B. Pickering.
N.B. Brother Clark shall reside at Abingdon.

ROBERT DAY, *Chairman of the District*.PETER C. HORTON, *Financial Secretary*.

VI.—THE PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

- 93 *Portsmouth*, William Bacon, Robert Dugdale, John Hearnshaw.
94 *Gosport*, John T. Yeates, who shall change on one Sunday
in every month with the Ministers at Portsmouth.
95 *Salisbury*, John Crofts, John Parry; William Tranter, Super-
numerary.
96 *Poole*, James Smeeth, Francis T. Tranmer; James Hyde,
Supernumerary.
Wareham, William Watson, who shall act under the direction
of the Superintendent at Poole.
97 *Wimborne*, Henry Badger, Jonathan Dent.
98 *Ringwood*, Edward Baylis, who shall change regularly on the
Lord's day with the Ministers at Wimborne.
99 *Newport, Isle of Wight*, John Wood, 1st, Joseph Entwisle, John
Philp, Thomas Pearson, 2d; William Clegg,
Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Entwisle shall reside at Cowes,

Brother Philp at Ryde, and Brother Pearson at Ventnor.

- 100 *Southampton and Winchester*, Thomas Wood, Benjamin Gregory, John E. Cooke, Samuel Lord; Richard Waddy, John Willis, Supernumeraries.

N.B. Brother Cooke shall reside at Winchester, and Brother Lord at Romsey.

- 101 *Andover*, George Beard, John Parsons.

- 102 *Chichester*, Samuel Trueman, Henry Keet.

WILLIAM BACON, *Chairman of the District.*

JOSEPH ENTWISLE, *Financial Secretary.*

VII.—THE GUERNSEY DISTRICT.

- 103 *Guernsey, (English,)* Thomas W. Smith, James H. Rigg.

- 104 *Guernsey, (French,)* Philip Tourgis, George Leale; John de Putron, James Hocart, Supernumeraries.

- 105 *Alderney, (French,)* Daniel Robin; (*English,)* Henry Padgham, Supernumerary.

- 106 *Jersey, (English,)* Joseph Earnshaw, Edwin Thorley; James Etchells, Supernumerary.

- 107 *Jersey, (French,)* *St. Helier's*, John Renier, William J. Handcock, Gideon Jaulmes; Amice Olivier, Supernumerary.

N.B. William J. Handcock is the Editor of the French Magazine.

JOSEPH EARNSHAW, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE DEVONPORT DISTRICT.

- 108 *Devonport*, Thomas Hardy, John Gostick, Robert Rees.

- 109 *Plymouth*, George Jackson, George Barnley, John H. Lord; Thomas Bersey, Oliver Henwood, Joshua Wade, Thomas Robinson, Supernumeraries.

- 110 *Lawceston*, William Fidler, John Hugill.

- 111 *Holsworthy*, Thomas Jewell, John Longden.

- 112 *Kilkhampton*, James Sutch, Edward A. Telfer; William Harvie, Supernumerary.

- 113 *Liskeard*, Edward Branston, Edward Addison.

- 114 *Callington*, Henry Daniels, Mark Symons.

N.B. Brother Symons shall reside at Saltash.

- 115 *Tavistock*, John Allin, Thomas R. Jones; Nicholas Sibly, Supernumerary.

- 116 *Camelford*, Benjamin Elvins, James Hargreaves; John Robinson, Supernumerary.

N.B. Brother Hargreaves shall reside at Wadebridge.

- 117 *Kingsbridge*, John Ryan, 2d, James Fisher.

N.B. Brother Fisher shall reside at Modbury.

- 118 *Brixham and Dartmouth*, James Bartholomew, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Kingsbridge.

- 119 *Ashburton*, Richard Moody, Hender Geach.
 N.B. Brother Geach shall reside at Buckfastleigh.
 GEORGE JACKSON, *Chairman of the District*.
 THOMAS HARDY, *Financial Secretary*.

IX.—THE CORNWALL DISTRICT.

- 120 *Redruth*, Humphrey B. Trethewey, John G. Avery, William Rodman.
 121 *Camborne*, Joseph Watson, Samuel Hooley, George Blencowe.
 N.B. Brother Blencowe shall reside at Tuckingmill.
 122 *Falmouth*, Levi Waterhouse, Joseph T. Sanger; John Osborne, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Sanger shall reside at Penryn.
 123 *Truro*, George Scott, 1st, Robert Haworth.
 124 *Gwennap*, James Pilley, William Worker.
 N.B. Brother Worker shall reside at St. Day.
 125 *St. Agnes*, Henry Young, William D. Tyack.
 126 *St. Austle*, William Seccombe, Henry Daniel, Francis W. Greeves; Zephaniah Job, Supernumerary.
 127 *St. Mawes*, Peter Parsons, who shall change once in every month, on the Lord's day, with the Ministers at St. Austle.
 128 *Bodmin*, John Killick, James Mitchell.
 129 *St. Columb*, Joseph Payne, Joshua Duffill.
 130 *Penzance*, Henry Davies, John Relph; John Reynolds, Ralph Scurrah, Supernumeraries.
 131 *St. Just*, John Samuel Jones, William Exton.
 132 *St. Ives*, John Williams, John Mollard.
 133 *Scilly Islands*, George Hagen.
 134 *Helstone*, Benjamin Carvosso, John B. Alexander, Joseph Spencer; Charles Colwell, Supernumerary.
 135 *Hayle*, Everit Vigis, William Henley, Thomas Osborne.
 136 *Marazion*, George Savery, Benjamin Browne.

HENRY DAVIES, *Chairman of the District*.
 GEORGE SCOTT, 1st, *Financial Secretary*.

X.—THE EXETER DISTRICT.

- 137 *Exeter*, John Smith, 2d, Samuel W. Christophers, John M'Kenny; James Odgers, William Beal, Supernumeraries.
 138 *Tiverton*, James Cooke, 2d, William J. Tweddle.
 139 *Taunton and Wellington*, Samuel Beard, Thomas Leach; John Hobson, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Proprietary School; John Simmons, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Leach shall reside at Wellington.
 140 *Bridgewater*, Benjamin Slack, William Williams, 2d.
 141 *South-Petherton*, Robert Colman, William Colbron.
 142 *Azminster*, William Jewett, who shall change on one Sabbath in every month with the Ministers at Bridport.

- 143 *Budleigh-Salterton*, John Saunders, William Hamar.
 144 *Bridport*, John Stevens, John Hutchings.
 145 *Barnstaple*, Thomas Heeley, James Nance.
 146 *South-Moulton*, William S. Bestall, John Walter.
 147 *Bideford*, John W. Roberts, Henry D. Lowe, Frederick C. Haime; John C. Clendinnen, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Lowe shall reside at Great-Tor-rington.
 148 *Dunster*, Thomas Jefferies, Alfred Mewton.
 N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Williton.
 149 *Oakhampton*, William Sanders, John Bate.
 150 *Teignmouth*, Thomas Murray, John W. Wilson, Thomas Chope.
 N.B. Brother Wilson shall reside at Torquay, and Brother Chope at Newton-Bushell.
 JOHN SMITH, 2d, *Chairman of the District.*
 ROBERT COLMAN, *Financial Secretary.*

XI.—THE BRISTOL DISTRICT.

- 151 *Bristol, North, (King-Street, &c.,)* Corbett Cooke, Joseph Beaumont, M.D., John C. Pengelly, Richard Roberts; William Griffith, Robert James, Samuel Brown, 1st, David Cornforth, Supernumeraries.
 152 *Bristol, South, (Langton-Street, &c.,)* Charles Westlake, John Harvard, William Hessel.
 153 *Kingswood*, John Spencer Jones, John S. Workman.
 154 *Banwell*, Henry V. Olver, Henry Laugher; John Shipman, Supernumerary.
 155 *Weston-super-Mare*, Henry Castle, who shall change on one Sabbath in every six weeks with the Ministers at Bristol, South.
 156 *Stroud*, John Connon, Thomas James, Joseph L. Ball.
 N.B. Brother Ball shall reside at Cirencester.
 157 *Dursley*, Thomas Webb, Thomas Denham, James R. Webb; Daniel Osborne, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Denham shall reside at Eastington.
 158 *Downend, (near Bristol,)* Matthew Salt, William Powell, 2d; Daniel Hateley, Supernumerary.
 159 *Gloucester*, Charles Tucker, George C. Taylor.
 160 *Tevesbury*, Joseph Crump, John Shipham; James Roberts, Supernumerary.
 161 *Cheltenham*, John Lambert, George C. Harvard, William P. Slater; George Robinson, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Harvard shall reside at Winchcombe.
 162 *Newport, (Monmouthshire,)* John D. Carey, John Dowty, Edward Guest; Charles Haime, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Dowty shall reside at Pillgwenlly.
 163 *Cardiff*, William Appleby, Edwin Fice, George Follows.
 N.B. Brother Fice shall reside at Pontypridd.
 164 *Bridgend*, John Vanes, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Cardiff.

- 165 *Monmouth and Forest of Dean*, Maurice Britton, William Shaw, 2d;
Thomas Arnett, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Shaw shall reside at Coleford.
- 166 *Chepstow*, Henry Hayman, who shall change on one Sabbath in every six weeks with the Ministers at Newport.
- 167 *Abergavenny*, Samuel Taylor, William Beattie.
N.B. Brother Beattie shall reside at Crickhowell.
- 168 *Pontypool*, George Kevern, Matthew Giles.
- 169 *Ledbury*, Thomas Sheers, Richard Eland, jun.; Charles Howe, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Eland shall reside at Newent.
- 170 *Hereford*, James Meadmore, Walter P. Johns.

CORBETT COOKE, *Chairman of the District.*
CHARLES WESTLAKE, *Financial Secretary.*

XII.—THE BATH DISTRICT.

- 171 *Bath*, Peter Duncan, William Willan; Thomas Ashton, Henry Cheverton, John W. Button, Supernumeraries; Joseph Cusworth, Governor of New Kingswood School.
- 172 *Bradford, (Wilts.,)* William P. Burgess, M.A., Ebenezer R. Talbot, M.A.
N.B. Brother Talbot shall reside at Trowbridge.
- 173 *Midsomer-Norton*, William Elton, John Martin, Joseph Chapman.
- 174 *Frome*, Paul Orchard, sen., John Fletcher, John Cope; Thomas Fletcher, William Hill, 1st, Supernumeraries.
- Warminster*, William H. Lewis, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Frome.
- 175 *Melksham*, Charles Williams, Charles E. Woolmer.
- 176 *Devizes*, Walter Vercoe, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Melksham.
- 177 *Shepton-Mallet*, James Lees, Josiah Mycock.
N.B. Brother Mycock shall reside at Coleford.
- 178 *Castle-Carey*, John Lewis, 2d.
- 179 *Sherborne*, Elijah Morgan, John Bramwell; John Bustard, Supernumerary.
- 180 *Weymouth*, James Taylor, 1st, William Wedlock.
N.B. Brother Wedlock shall reside at Portland.
- 181 *Dorchester*, John Crowe, John Rhodes.
- 182 *Shaftesbury*, William Baker, sen., William Mearns, M.A.
- 183 *Glastonbury*, Charles Janion, who shall change once a month with the Minister at Castle-Carey.

PETER DUNCAN, *Chairman of the District.*
WILLIAM P. BURGESS, M.A., *Financial Secretary.*

XIII.—THE FIRST SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

(ENGLISH PREACHING.)

- 184 *Swansea*, William Bytheway, William Williams, 1st; John Coates, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Williams shall reside at Neath.
- 185 *Merthyr-Tydvil*, Hugh Carter, William Way, William H. Bakewell, William Gibson, B.A.
N.B. Brother Way shall reside at Brynmawr, and Brother Bakewell at Tredegar.
- 186 *Brecon*, John Morgan, John Bond.
N.B. Brother Bond shall reside at Hay.
- 187 *Carmarthen*, Joseph Pratten, Stephen P. Harvard; Thomas Warren, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Harvard shall reside at Llanelly.
- 188 *Haverford-West*, John G. Wilson, Henry Hicks.
N.B. Brother Hicks shall reside at Milford.
- 189 *Pembroke*, Joseph Fletcher, James Emory.

JOSEPH PRATTEN, *Chairman of the District.*
WILLIAM BYTHEWAY, *Financial Secretary.*

XIV.—THE SECOND SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

(WELSH PREACHING.)

- 190 *Merthyr-Tydvil*, Owen Owen, Benjamin Roberts, David Jones, 2d.
- 191 *Crickhowell*, Rowland Hughes, William Rowlands, *Editor.*
- 192 *Cardiff*, Thomas Jones, 2d, Richard Evans.
- 193 *Cowbridge*, John Lloyd.
N.B. 1. Brother Evans shall divide his labours between the Cardiff and Cowbridge Circuits.
2. The Superintendents shall change on one Sunday in every two months.
- 194 *Brecon*, Isaac Jenkins.
N.B. The Ministers in the Brecon and Crickhowell Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 195 *Llandilo*, John Jones, 2d; Morgan Griffith, Supernumerary.
- 196 *Carmarthen*, Robert Williams, David Evans, 2d; Hugh Hughes, Supernumerary.
- 197 *Swansea*, Henry Wilcox; Evan Hughes, Supernumerary.
N.B. The Ministers in the Swansea and Llandilo Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 198 *Lampeter and Cardigan*, Lewis Williams, Joseph Jones; Robert Owen, William Hughes, Supernumeraries.
N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Lampeter.
- 199 *St. David's*, Timothy Jones.
N.B. The Ministers in the Lampeter and St. David's Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every quarter.

- 200 *Aberystwyth*, William Powell, 1st, Henry Parry; Thomas Kilner, Supernumerary.
 201 *Machynlleth*, John Rees; William Evans, Supernumerary.
 N.B. The Ministers in the Machynlleth and Aberystwyth Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
 202 *Llanidloes*, Evan Richards, *Book-Steward*; John Herbert; Edward Jones, 1st, Griffith Hughes, Supernumeraries.

THOMAS JONES, 2d, *Chairman of the District*.
 ISAAC JENKINS, *Financial Secretary*.

XV.—THE NORTH WALES DISTRICT.

(WELSH PREACHING.)

- 203 *Ruthin and Denbigh*, William Owens, John L. Richards; Samuel Davies, 1st, Supernumerary.
 204 *Llangollen*, Edward Anwyl, Isaac Jones.
 205 *Corwen*, John Hughes, 1st.
 N.B. The Ministers of the Llangollen and Corwen Circuits shall change on two Sundays in each quarter.
 206 *Llanrwst*, Thomas Morris.
 207 *Abergele and Conway*, James Jones, John Evans.
 N.B. Brother Morris shall change on two Sundays in every quarter with the Ministers of the Abergele and Conway Circuit.
 208 *Holywell*, Lewis Jones, William Jones.
 209 *Mold*, Methuselah Thomas, Evan Davies.
 210 *Llanasa, (near Holywell)*, John Bartley.
 N.B. The Ministers of the Llanasa and Holywell Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
 211 *Beaumaris*, Richard Bonner, Robert Jones, 3d.
 212 *Amlwch*, John Richards, 1st, Evan Pugh.
 N.B. Brother Pugh shall reside at Holyhead.
 213 *Carnarvon*, Robert Jones, 1st.
 214 *Bangor*, Thomas Aubrey, Robert Jones, 2d.
 N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
 215 *Pwllheli*, David Gravel; Evan Edwards, Supernumerary.
 216 *Barmouth*, Samuel Davies, 2d, John Hughes, 2d.
 N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
 217 *Dolgelly*, John R. Chambers, Charles Nuttall.
 218 *Llanfyllin*, Humphrey Jones, Daniel Jones; William Batten, David Jones, 1st, Thomas Batten, Supernumeraries.

- 219 *Llanfair*, Ebenezer Morgan.
N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.

EDWARD ANWYL, *Chairman of the District.*
JOHN L. RICHARDS, *Financial Secretary.*

XVI.—THE BIRMINGHAM AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT.

- 220 *Birmingham, West*, (*Cherry-Street, &c.*,) James Methley, George B. Macdonald, Edward Lightwood; James Heaton, Josiah Goodwin, John Walsh, Supernumeraries.
- 221 *Birmingham, East*, (*Belmont-Row, &c.*,) William Allen, 1st, James Dixon, D.D., Thomas Thompson, M.A.; Benjamin Wood, Supernumerary.
- 222 *West-Bromwich*, Robert Sherwell, Edwin J. Sturges.
- 223 *Wednesbury*, Thomas Harris, James Laycock, Joseph Heaton, William Exley, Thomas Kent; Thomas Catterick, George Southern, Supernumeraries.
- 224 *Walsall*, John Parkes, Samuel Brocksop, Henry Balls; Thomas Edwards, Supernumerary.
- 225 *Wolverhampton*, John Kirk, 1st, Henry Smallwood, John H. Norton.
- 226 *Dudley*, John Stephenson, James E. Moulton, Michael Johnson, George Curnock.
- 227 *Stourbridge*, John Newton, Thomas Green, Richard Smailes; Samuel Sugden, Supernumerary.
- 228 *Stourport*, Benjamin John, Henry Ranson.
N.B. Brother Ranson shall reside at Kidderminster.
- 229 *Worcester*, Ebenezer Moulton, Joseph Posnet.
N.B. Brother Posnet shall reside at Droitwich.
- 230 *Bromsgrove*, Charles W. Vibert, who shall change on one Sabbath in every six weeks with the Ministers at Redditch.
- 231 *Evesham*, Ralph Stott, John Reacher.
- 232 *Redditch*, Henry Powis, Samuel T. Greathead.
- 233 *Coventry*, Joseph Hunt, John Weatherell.
- 234 *Leamington*, James Allen, 1st, Alexander T. Weir.
- 235 *Stratford-upon-Avon*, Samuel Lucas, 2d, who shall change on one Sabbath in every month with the Ministers at Leamington.
- 236 *Hinckley*, Thomas Jeffery, Thomas Pearson, 4th; John Smithson, Supernumerary.
- 237 *Shrewsbury*, John Stirzaker, John V. B. Shrewsbury.
- 238 *Madeley*, (*near Ironbridge*,) James Scholes, William Moss, Edward Russell, James Ford; Edward Sumner, Supernumerary.
- 239 *Wellington*, William Piggott, William P. Peck, Benjamin Smith.
- 240 *Ludlow*, John W. Cotton, John Locke.

- 241 *Kington*, Thomas Brothwood, Albert H. M'Tier.
 JAMES METHLEY, *Chairman of the District*.
 ROBERT SHERWELL, *Financial Secretary*.

XVII.—THE MACCLESFIELD DISTRICT.

- 242 *Macclesfield*, John Rigg, Samuel Walker, William T. Radcliffe,
 Thomas S. Bowers, B.A.; Edward Collier,
 Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Walker shall reside at Bollington.
 243 *Buxton*, Thomas Armson, James M. Cranswick.
 244 *Congleton*, George Oyston, George Hurst.
 245 *Namptwich and Crewe*, James Godden, William Swallow.
 N.B. Brother Swallow shall reside at Crewe.
 246 *Northwich*, Thomas Stokoe, George Russell.
 247 *Burslem*, Thomas Hickson, John H. Beech; Myles C.
 Dixon, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Beech and Brother Dixon shall
 reside at Hanley.
 248 *Tunstall*, John Smedley, Christopher Ridler.
 N.B. Brother Ridler shall reside at Kidsgrave.
 249 *Newcastle-under-Lyne*, Joseph B. West, George Smith, 2d.
 250 *Longton*, Samuel Brown, 2d, Sampson Cock.
 N.B. Brother Cock shall reside at Stoke.
 251 *Stafford*, Benjamin Frankland, sen., Joseph W. Frankland.
 252 *Leek*, Joshua Priestley, John B. Dyson, Joseph Mood.
 253 *Uttoxeter*, William Ricketts, James L. Posnet.
 254 *Cheadle*, John Raby; William Wears, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Raby shall change on one Sabbath
 in every four weeks with the Ministers at
 Uttoxeter.
 JOHN RIGG, *Chairman of the District*.
 WILLIAM T. RADCLIFFE, *Financial Secretary*.

XVIII.—THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

- 255 *Liverpool, North*, (*Brunswick Chapel, &c.*) Francis A. West,
 Thomas Llewellyn, Joseph Millar; Thomas
 Stead, Supernumerary.
 256 *Liverpool, South*, (*Pitt-Street, &c.*) Robert Newstead, Samuel
 Simpson, Thomas Capp, John Roberts, 2d;
 Robert Heys, Supernumerary.
 257 *Birkenhead*, Edward Nye, Benjamin Hellier.
 N.B. Brother Hellier shall reside at Seacombe.
 258 *Liverpool, Welsh*, (*Benn's Gardens, &c.*) Richard Prichard,
 William Davies, 3d; Lot Hughes, David
 Williams, Supernumeraries.
 259 *Chester*, William B. Thorneloe, Frederick F. Woolley;
 John Jones, 1st, Supernumerary.
 260 *Mold and Buckley-Mount*, Robert Lewis, who shall change once
 in every six weeks with the Ministers of the
 Chester Circuit.

- 261 *Carnarvon and Bangor, (English,)* John Moore.
Holyhead, Samuel Haigh.
 N.B. Brother Moore and Brother Haigh shall change on one Sabbath in every six weeks.
- 262 *Wrexham,* Robert Totherick, Joseph Hirst.
 N.B. Brother Hirst shall reside at Oswestry.
- 263 *Whitchurch, (Salop,)* Robert H. Hare, John Nelson, 2d; John Bell, Supernumerary.
- 264 *Warrington,* George Roebuck, James Allen, 3d; Joseph Burgess, Supernumerary.
- 265 *Runcorn,* John Morris, Samuel Atkinson, 1st.
 N.B. Brother Atkinson shall reside at Frodsham.
- 266 *St. Helen's and Prescott,* John Cannell, John F. Moody.
- 267 *Southport and Ormskirk,* William H. Sargent, Joseph B. Dawson; Robert Newton, D.D., John Phillips, William Coultas, Supernumeraries.
 N.B. Brother Dawson shall reside at Ormskirk.
- 268 *Wigan,* Samuel Rowe, William T. Nelson.
- 269 *Preston and Chorley,* William Jackson, 1st, James Clapham, Edward Shelton, John Skidmore.
 N.B. Brother Clapham shall reside at Chorley.
- 270 *Garstang,* James Eacott, John Bowman, Humphrey M. Wightwick.
 N.B. Brother Bowman shall reside at Fleetwood.
- 271 *Lancaster,* Joshua Hocken, Samuel Atkinson, 2d.
- 272 *Newtown,* Joseph Garrett, George Walker; John Nicklin, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Walker shall reside at Welshpool.
 FRANCIS A. WEST, *Chairman of the District.*
 EDWARD NYE, *Financial Secretary.*

XIX.—THE MANCHESTER AND BOLTON DISTRICT.

- 273 *First Manchester, (Oldham-Street, &c.,)* Israel Holgate, John Hartley, George T. Perks, Alexander M'Aulay; James Miller, Walter Hussey, Supernumeraries.
- 274 *Second Manchester, (Irwell-Street, &c.,)* George Taylor, William Fox, 1st, William H. Taylor, Edward Jones, 2d; Thomas Slugg, Moses Rayner, Supernumeraries.
- 275 *Third Manchester, (Grosvenor-Street, &c.,)* William Hurt, William Davison; John Bumstead, James Brooke, Supernumeraries.
- 276 *Fourth Manchester, (Bridgewater-Street, &c.,)* Robert Leake, John G. Cox.
 (Welsh,) David Evans, 1st, who shall act under the direction of the Superintendent of the Fourth Manchester Circuit.
- 277 *Fifth Manchester, (Oxford-Road, &c.,)* John Lomas, John Vine, James D. Brocklehurst; John W. Barritt, Supernumerary.

- 278 *Altrincham*, Thomas A. Rayner, Thomas H. Brocklehurst;
William M'Kitrick, Supernumerary.
- 279 *Stockport, North*, (*Tiviot-Dale, &c.*,) John Bedford, John
Ryan, 1st, J. Gilchrist Wilson.
- 280 *Stockport, South*, (*Hill-Gate, &c.*,) Joseph Roberts, Henry M.
Harvard.
- 281 *New-Mills*, Nathaniel Alston, John W. Crankshaw.
- 282 *Glossop*, Frederick Payne, Frederick W. Briggs; George
Marsden, Supernumerary.
- 283 *Ashton-under-Lyne*, Charles Haydon, Matthew Andrew, David
Griffiths; Luke Heywood, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Andrew shall reside at Hyde.
- 284 *Oldham*, Samuel Timms, James Harris; John Heape,
Supernumerary.
- 285 *Saddleworth*, Robert J. T. Hawkesley, who shall change on one
Sabbath in every five weeks with the Ministers
at Oldham.
N.B. Brother Hawkesley shall reside at Upper-
Mill, near Manchester.
- 286 *Bolton*, William Burt, William Kelk, James Grose, James
Osborn, Samuel Wilkinson, 2d.
N.B. Brother Wilkinson shall reside at Farnworth.
- 287 *Rochdale*, Thomas Staton, Richard Heape, John Hornby;
Thomas Stephenson, Supernumerary.
- 288 *Burnley*, Alexander Strachan, John Watson, William R.
Rogers.
- 289 *Bury*, William Wilson, 3d, John P. Hetherington,
Edmund Oldfield.
- 290 *Blackburn*, William Brailey, William Lees.
- 291 *Haslingden*, William Simpson, John Crawshaw, Charles
Hoskins; William Sleigh, Supernumerary.
- 292 *Bacup*, John Walker, Joseph Moorhouse.
N.B. Brother Moorhouse shall reside at Long-
holme, Rawtenstall.
- 293 *Colne*, Benjamin Gartside, John Eaton.
- 294 *Clitheroe*, James Cheeswright, George E. Young.
- 295 *Leigh*, John Boyd.
N.B. Brother Boyd shall change on one Sabbath
in every six weeks with the Ministers at Bolton.

JOHN HANNAH, D.D., *Chairman of the District.*
CHARLES HAYDON, *Financial Secretary.*

XX.—THE HALIFAX AND BRADFORD DISTRICT.

- 296 *Halifax*, James Carr, John Burton, James Little; Michael
Cousin, James B. Holroyd, Supernumeraries.
- 297 *Huddersfield, First*, (*Queen-Street, &c.*,) Jonathan J. Bates, John
E. Coulson, Samuel M'Aulay.
- 298 *Huddersfield, Second*, (*Buxton-Road, &c.*,) John M'Owan,
William Bond.

- 299 *Holmfirth*, Benjamin Firth, Thomas Garbutt; Thomas Hill, Supernumerary.
- 300 *Sowerby-Bridge*, James C. Hindson, Daniel Walton, John Eglinton.
N.B. Brother Eglinton shall reside at Stainland, near Halifax.
- 301 *Todmorden*, William Sugden, Thomas J. Walker, George Greenwood; Thomas Eckersley, Supernumerary.
- 302 *Denby-Dale*, John Mann, who shall change once a month with the Ministers of the two Huddersfield Circuits, alternately.
- 303 *Bradford, West*, (*Kirkgate Chapel, &c.*,) Willson Brailsford, Elijah Jackson; Stephen Wilson, Joseph Pretty, James Shoar, Thomas Kemshall, Supernumeraries.
- 304 *Bradford, East*, (*Eastbrook Chapel, &c.*,) Robert Alder, D.D., Joseph Stinson, Edward Brice; William Bird, Supernumerary.
- 305 *Great-Horton*, (*near Bradford*,) Peter Wilkinson, John Walters.
- 306 *Keighley*, Robert S. Hardy, George Hughes, Thomas Brookes.
N.B. Brother Hughes shall reside at Haworth. Letters should be sent to Haworth, near Keighley.
- 307 *Bingley*, Samuel Merrill, Amos Learoyd.
- 308 *Shipley*, Samuel Allen, who shall change on one Sabbath in every five weeks with the Ministers at Bingley.
- 309 *Skipton*, John F. England, James Faulkner; William Levell, Supernumerary.
- 310 *Addingham*, Benjamin Pearce, Pascho Hoskins.
- 311 *Grassington*, George Ellidge, who shall change on one Sabbath in every six weeks with the Ministers at Skipton.
- 312 *Settle*, Thomas Haswell, George E. Allen.
ROBERT ALDER, D.D., *Chairman of the District*.
WILLSON BRAILSFORD, *Financial Secretary*.

XXI.—THE LEEDS DISTRICT.

- 313 *Leeds, First*, (*Brunswick Chapel, &c.*,) John Rattenbury, John H. James, James Collier; John Roadhouse, Robert Jackson, Supernumeraries.
- 314 *Leeds, Second*, (*Oxford-Place Chapel, &c.*,) Edward Walker, Richard Felvus, John W. Etheridge, Ph. D., Theophilus Woolmer; John Hodgson, Supernumerary.
- 315 *Leeds, Third*, (*St. Peter's Chapel, &c.*,) James Loutit, Nehemiah Curnock, Samuel R. Hall.
- 316 *Leeds, Fourth*, (*Wesley Chapel, &c.*,) Isaac Keeling, William R. Williams, Thomas O. Keysell.
- 317 *Bramley*, (*near Leeds*,) Thomas Dickin, William Chambers.
- 318 *Wakefield*, Robert M. Willcox, Charles Rawlings.
- 319 *Birstal*, Isaac Denison, William J. Shrewsbury, Dixon Naylor; James Fowler, Supernumerary.

- 320 *Dewsbury*, Thomas Hodson, Thomas Richardson, Henry Kirkland.
N.B. Brother Kirkland shall reside at Mirfield.
- 321 *Knaresborough*, John Roberts, 1st, William Wilson, 4th; Luke Barlow, John S. Ridsdale, Supernumeraries.
- 322 *Otley*, James Catton, Richard Fetch; William Waterhouse, Supernumerary.
- 323 *Pateley-Bridge*, William Parker, Thomas M. Rodham.
- 324 *Pontefract*, Thomas Dunn, William Dawson, Samuel Simmons, Robert Inglis; Thomas Moxon, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Dawson shall reside at Knottingley.
- 325 *Cleckheaton*, Jacob Turvey, who shall change on one Sabbath in each month with the Ministers at Dewsbury and Birstal alternately.
- 326 *Yeadon, (near Leeds)*, John Imlison, who shall change on one Sabbath in each month with the Ministers at Woodhouse-Grove.
- 327 *Woodhouse-Grove*, William Stevinson, Joseph Sutton; William Lord, Governor of Woodhouse-Grove School.
N.B. Letters to the Superintendent should be directed to Idle, near Leeds; and letters for the School should be directed to Woodhouse-Grove, Apperley-Bridge, near Leeds.

ISAAC KEELING, *Chairman of the District.*
EDWARD WALKER, *Financial Secretary.*

XXII.—THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

- 328 *Sheffield, West, (Carver-Street, &c.,)* Joseph Wood, William Jackson, 2d, John Clulow, George Mather; Samuel D. Waddy, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Proprietary School.
N.B. Brother Mather shall reside at Wadsley.
- 329 *Sheffield, East, (Norfolk-Street, &c.,)* William Smith, 1st, Joseph T. Milner, Frederick Griffiths, William M. Punshon.
N.B. Brother Punshon shall reside at Thorncliffe.
- 330 *Chesterfield*, John Harding, Alfred Abbott; Thomas H. Walker, Supernumerary.
- 331 *Bakewell*, Thompson Hesk, who shall change on one Sabbath in each month with the Ministers at Chesterfield.
- 332 *Bradwell*, John Bonser, Henry Cattle.
- 333 *Rotherham*, Jarvis Cheesman, Peter Budd.
- 334 *Wath*, Abel Dernaley, William G. Duncan.
- 335 *Doncaster*, Samuel Wilde, Daniel Chapman, Thornley Smith.
- 336 *Barnsley*, John P. Sumner, John Smart.
- 337 *Retford*, John Brown, 2d, Thomas Short, Thomas Sheldon.
- 338 *Worksop*, Thomas D. Baines, Robert T. Rundle.

SAMUEL D. WADDY, *Chairman of the District.*
WILLIAM SMITH, 1st, *Financial Secretary.*

XXIII.—THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT.

- 339 *Nottingham, South, (Halifax Chapel, &c.,)* William B. Stephenson, John Hay, John Lyth; Daniel S. Tatham, Supernumerary.
- 340 *Nottingham, North, (Wesley Chapel, &c.,)* James J. Topham, Samuel Coley.
- 341 *Ilkestone,* William Winterburn, who shall change once a month with the Ministers of the two Nottingham Circuits.
- 342 *Mansfield,* John P. Lockwood, Joshua Mottram; Richard Allen, Supernumerary.
- 343 *Newark,* George Turner, 1st, John W. Thomas; John Hickling, Supernumerary.
- 344 *Bingham,* Thomas Brown, Thomas Crosby.
- 345 *Leicester,* Joseph Raynar, Thomas S. Wood; David Deakin, Supernumerary.
- 346 *Melton-Mowbray,* Robert Gover, Edward Horton.
- 347 *Oakham,* John Weatherstone.
N.B. Brother Weatherstone shall change on one Sunday in each month with the Ministers at Melton-Mowbray and Stamford.
- 348 *Stamford,* Seth Dixon, John Dixon; John Ingham, Supernumerary.
- 349 *Grantham,* Joseph Floyd, William J. Skidmore.
- 350 *Peterborough,* John H. Faull, Henry W. Holland.
- 351 *Loughborough,* John B. Whittingham, George Buckley; Frederick Slight, Supernumerary.
- 352 *Castle-Donington,* Thomas Jones, 1st, Theophilus Taylor.
- 353 *Derby,* John Brown, 1st, George F. White, John M. Kirk; William Horton, Supernumerary.
- 354 *Ashbourne,* Richard Sergeant, who shall change once a month with the Ministers at Derby.
- 355 *Belper,* Thomas Shaw, Peter Featherstone.
- 356 *Ripley, (near Alfreton,)* Henry Graham, Thomas Timms.
- 357 *Ashby-de-la-Zouch,* Richard Rymer, John Richards, 2d.
- 358 *Burton-on-Trent,* Charles Hawthorne, Edward B. Pinder; James Wilson, Supernumerary.
- 359 *Cromford,* William B. Dennis, Edward Watson.
JAMES J. TOPHAM, *Chairman of the District.*
GEORGE TURNER, 1st, *Financial Secretary.*

XXIV.—THE LINCOLN DISTRICT.

- 360 *Lincoln,* Thomas H. Squance, John M'Lean, Anthony Ward.
- 361 *Sleaford,* John Keightley, William Parkinson, William Ford.
- 362 *Market-Raisen,* George Birley, Thomas Hughes; Thomas Padman, Supernumerary.
- 363 *Louth,* Richard Ray, Robert Bond, Alexander T. James.
- 364 *Horncastle,* John Wilson, 1st, John D. Julian, William H. Bambridge; James Hopewell, Supernumerary.

- 365 *Alford*, William Binning, John Talbot; Robert Bryant, Supernumerary.
 366 *Coningsby*, Ambrose Freeman, who shall change with the Ministers at Boston and Horncastle, once in every six weeks with each Circuit.
 367 *Spilsby*, Thomas Cocking, Edward Bramford.
 368 *Boston*, John Tindall, Philip Fowler.
 369 *Wainfleet*, Robert Lyon, Abel Burgess.
 370 *Spalding*, William Bramford, Felix H. Pickworth.
 N.B. Brother Pickworth shall reside at Holbeach.
 371 *Bourne*, Uriah Butters, Charles Lawton.

RICHARD RAY, *Chairman of the District.*
 JOHN TINDALL, *Financial Secretary.*

XXV.—THE HULL DISTRICT.

- 372 *Hull, West*, (*Waltham-Street, &c.*) William W. Stamp, Thomas Vasey, George Dickinson; Benjamin Hudson, Joseph Cheesewright, Supernumeraries.
 373 *Hull, East*, (*George-Yard, &c.*) Joseph Hargreaves, William Cattle, William Andrews.
 374 *Beverley*, Matthew Cranswick, William Spencer; Samuel Crompton, Supernumerary.
 375 *Driffeld*, Jonathan Cadman, Richard Brown.
 376 *Howden*, William Crookes, Joseph Officer, Richard Smetham.
 377 *Patrington*, Edmund B. Warters, John Harrop.
 378 *Hornsea*, John Simon, George Bowden.
 379 *Grimsby*, Samuel Broadbent, Nathan Rouse, Henry Hastling, Edmond Knaggs.
 380 *Gainsborough*, Isaac Woodcock, Joseph Mortimer, John Nicholson.
 381 *Epworth*, Henry Wilkinson, Henry B. Brown.
 N.B. Brother Brown shall reside at Ouston-Ferry, near Bawtry.
 382 *Snaitth*, James Bate, Henry Owen, Charles G. Turton.
 N.B. Brother Owen shall reside at Goole.
 383 *Brigg*, Alexander Mansie, William H. Robson.
 384 *Barton*, William J. Bullivant, Thomas Brumwell, Edward Stokes; John Nowell, 1st, Supernumerary.
 385 *Bridlington*, Aquila Barber, William Bridgnell, John Ward, 2d; Charles North, Supernumerary.
 N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Bridlington-Quay.

WILLIAM W. STAMP, *Chairman of the District.*
 JOSEPH HARGREAVES, *Financial Secretary.*

XXVI.—THE YORK DISTRICT.

- 386 *York*, Samuel Tindall, David Hay, William Davenport, Gervase Smith; John Burdsall, Anthony Triffit, William Carlton, Thomas Eastwood, Supernumeraries.

- 387 *Tadcaster*, Matthew Banks, Charles Cheetham.
 388 *Pocklington*, John Ward, 1st, Joseph Kipling.
 389 *Malton*, John, Rossell, George Smith, 1st, Theophilus Pearson; Daniel Jackson, Supernumerary.
 390 *Easingwold*, Josiah Hudson, Richard Stepney, James Kendall, 2d.
 N.B. Brother Kendall shall reside at Helmsley.
 391 *Scarborough*, John Brandreth, William Jessop, Henry J. Booth.
 N.B. Brother Booth shall reside at Sherburn.
 392 *Pickering*, Thomas Pearson, 3d, Robert W. Broomfield; Joseph Frank, Supernumerary.
 393 *Thirsk*, William Robson, Jesse Edgoose, Edward King; John Kemp, Supernumerary.
 394 *Ripon*, William Ash, Timothy R. Moxon.
 395 *Selby*, John Bolam, William Faulkner, William Fox, 2d.
 SAMUEL TINDALL, *Chairman of the District*.
 DAVID HAY, *Financial Secretary*.

XXVII.—THE WHITBY AND DARLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 396 *Whitby*, Theophilus Pugh, James S. Thomas, Jabez Ingham.
 N.B. Brother Ingham shall reside at Fryup.
 397 *Stokesley*, John Jackson, John M. Joll, Joseph R. Cleminson; William Rennison, Joseph Hutton, Supernumeraries.
 398 *Darlington*, Thomas P. Clark, John I. Dredge; George Douglas, 1st, Supernumerary.
 399 *Stockton*, Peter Samuel, Henry Richardson, John Blackwell.
 400 *Barnard-Castle*, Henry Hine, John M. Budden, Robert Cass.
 N.B. Brother Budden shall reside at Barningham, near Richmond, Yorkshire.
 401 *Bishop-Auckland*, John Haigh, Thomas M'Cullagh.
 402 *Middleham*, John I. Muff, William Jackson, 3d.
 403 *Richmond*, Henry J. Thomas, William Swindells; John Felvus, Supernumerary.
 404 *Reeth*, George Croft, John Hooton.
 405 *Bedale*, John Lewis, 1st, Charles Currelly; William Shackleton, Supernumerary.

PETER SAMUEL, *Chairman of the District*.
 THEOPHILUS PUGH, *Financial Secretary*.

XXVIII.—THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

- 406 *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, John P. Haswell, William Illingworth, Luke Tyerman; Francis Neale, Supernumerary.
 407 *Gateshead*, Robert Cooke, William Ingram.
 408 *North-Shields*, Samuel Fiddian, Francis S. Keeling.
 409 *Blyth*, John Hanson, Robert M. Woodward.
 410 *South-Shields*, William A. Quick, Abraham Stead.
 411 *Sunderland*, Thomas S. Monkhouse, John Randerson, Charles Povah; Humphrey Stevenson, George Clarke, Supernumeraries.

- 412 *Houghton-le-Spring*, Harry Pedley, William Hirst.
 413 *Durham*, William Wilson, 2d, William Hales, John D. Geden.
 414 *Wolsingham*, George Hobill, Henry J. Staley.
 415 *Hexham*, Hugh Johnson, John Pogson.
 416 *Shotley-Bridge*, John Bissell, Richard Martin.
 417 *Alston*, Thomas Savage, George Lough.
 418 *Allendale-Town*, James Lemmon, William H. Cave.
 419 *Alnwick*, Christopher Newton ; James Dunbar, Supernumerary.
 420 *Berwick*, Lancelot Railton, who shall change on two Sundays in each quarter with the Minister at Alnwick.
 421 *Morpeth*, Robert Harrison, who shall change on one Sunday in every three weeks with the Ministers at Blyth.
 JOHN P. HASWELL, *Chairman of the District*.
 WILLIAM WILSON, 2d, *Financial Secretary*.

XXIX.—THE CARLISLE DISTRICT.

- 422 *Carlisle*, Roger Moore, John Baker.
 423 *Brampton*, Thomas H. Hill, who shall change on one Sunday in every month with the Ministers at Carlisle.
 424 *Whitehaven*, Thomas Ballingall, James Chalmers, M.A.
 425 *Workington*, George Clement, Robert Brown.
 N.B. Brother Brown shall reside at Cockermouth.
 426 *Appleby*, Samuel Bowman, George Abbott.
 N.B. Brother Abbott shall reside at Brough.
 427 *Penrith*, William Shearman, Charles Nightingale, Robert Stephenson, B.A.
 428 *Wigton and Keswick*, Thomas Burrows, Rupert Chawner.
 N.B. Brother Chawner shall reside at Keswick.
 429 *Kendal*, Jonathan Barrowclough, William Foster ; William Huddleston, Supernumerary.
 430 *Ulverstone*, George Patterson, Isaac Gould.
 431 *Dumfries*, Alfred Lockyer, who shall change once a quarter with the Ministers at Carlisle.
 ROGER MOORE, *Chairman of the District*.
 WILLIAM SHEARMAN, *Financial Secretary*.

XXX.—THE ISLE OF MAN DISTRICT.

- 432 *Douglas and Castletown*, Hugh Beech, Gregory A. Page, William W. Duke.
 433 *Ramsay and Peel*, Abraham Watmough, John Collier, Thomas S. Raby.
 HUGH BEECH, *Chairman of the District*.
 ABRAHAM WATMOUGH, *Financial Secretary*.

XXXI.—THE EDINBURGH AND ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

- 434 *Edinburgh*, Robert M. MacBrair, M.A., John Mearns.
 435 *Dunbar and Haddington*, Theophilus Talbot, who shall change on

one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Edinburgh.

- Greenock*, Thomas T. Dilks, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Glasgow.
- 436 *Glasgow, West*, Jacob Stanley, George Steward, William Allen, 4th.
- 437 *Glasgow, East*, John Drake.
- 438 *Airdrie*, Peter Prescott, jun., John T. Duncan.
- 439 *Stirling and Doune*, Henry Dean.
- 440 *Ayr*, Samuel Healey.
- 441 *Aberdeen*, Jabez Palmer, Joshua Mason, George P. Hester.
- 442 *Dundee*, George Turner, 2d.
- 443 *Perth*, John C. George, who shall change once in every six weeks with the Minister at Dundee.
- 444 *Arbroath and Montrose*, Ninian Barr, John S. Vickers.
N.B. Brother Vickers shall reside at Montrose.
- 445 *Banff*, Andrew Rennard.
- 446 *Inverness*, John T. Barr, who shall change on two Sundays in every six weeks with the Minister at Banff;
David Edgar, Supernumerary.

JOHN DRAKE, *Chairman of the District.*

ROBERT M. MACBRAIR, M.A., *Financial Secretary.*

XXXII.—THE SHETLAND ISLES DISTRICT.

- 447 *Lerwick*, James Findlay, Benjamin N. Haworth, William Fern.
N.B. Brother Haworth shall reside at Dunrossness, and Brother Fern in the Island of Whalsay.
- 448 *Walls*, Daniel Farquhar.
- 449 *Northmavin and Delting*, William Parsonson.
- 450 *North Isles*, Whitfield Raw; William Langridge, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Raw shall reside in the Island of Unst.

JAMES FINDLAY, *Chairman of the District.*

IRELAND.

I.—THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

- 451 *Dublin, South*, (*Centenary Chapel, &c.*,) Robert Masaroon, Joseph W. M'Kay, John Duncan; Robinson Scott, Governor and Chaplain of the Connexional School; William Ferguson, William Stewart, William Crook, sen., Thomas Beamish, Henry M. Beale, A.B., Supernumeraries.
- 452 *Dublin, North*, (*Abbey-Street Chapel, &c.*,) William P. Appelbe, LL.D., John Bagley, William Crook, jun.; Michael Burrows, Supernumerary.

- 453 *Kingstown*, John F. Mathews, who shall change on every third Sunday with the Ministers of the Dublin Circuits; George M'Elwain, Charles M'Cormick, George Burrows, Supernumeraries.
 454 *Drogheda*, John Nelson, Robert G. Jones.
 455 *Wicklow*, John Hazelton, who is to reside in Rathdrum, Oliver M'Cutcheon.

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Chairman of the District.*

II.—THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

- 456 *Waterford*, John Holmes, John Saul.
 457 *Carlou*, William Reilly, William Lough; Robert Banks, Supernumerary, who resides in Athy.
 458 *Newtownbarry*, James Black, Thomas Guard.
 459 *Wexford*, Edward M. Banks, John W. Ballard.

WILLIAM REILLY, *Chairman of the District.*

III.—THE CORK DISTRICT.

- 460 *Cork*, John Greer, James Hutchison; Joshua Harman, John Liddy, Supernumeraries.
Queenstown, James B. Gillman, Supernumerary.
 461 *Bandon*, John H. Atkins, Colin M'Kay, — Thomas Waugh.
 462 *Skibbereen*, Robert Bruce, James S. Waugh; John Waugh, Supernumerary.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

- 463 *Limerick*, William Lupton, John Hughes.
 464 *Roscrea*, John Williams, George Chambers.
 465 *Cloughjordan*, Samuel Cowdy; John Rogers, William M'Garvey, Supernumeraries.
 N.B. Letters for Brother Cowdy should be directed to Borrisokane.

JOHN WILLIAMS, *Chairman of the District.*

V.—THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

- 466 *Tullamore*, Richard T. Tracy, William Mulloy.
 467 *Athlone*, William Christie, who shall change monthly with the Missionary in Ballinasloe.
 468 *Maryborough*, John Carey, James Carey.
 469 *Longford*, Thomas K. Whitaker, Edward Johnston, 2d.

JOHN CAREY, *Chairman of the District.*

VI.—THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

- 470 *Sligo*, George Vane, Robert Crook, A.B.
 471 *Castlebar*, James Patterson.
 472 *Ballina*, Robert Bell.

- 473 *Boyle*, John C. Storey, who shall reside in Ballinamore,
George Alley.

GEORGE VANCE, *Chairman of the District.*

VII.—THE CLONES DISTRICT.

- 474 *Clones*, John Foster, Joseph Johnston, who is to reside in
Belturbet.
475 *Cootehill*, Robert Hamilton, John Gilcriest.
476 *Cavan*, William Lebert, who is to reside in Killesandra,
James Edwards.
477 *Monaghan and Castleblaney*, Francis Stephens, who is to reside
in Monaghan, John Jebb, who is to reside in
Castleblaney.
478 *Aughnacloy*, Robert H. Lindsay, who shall change on one
Sunday in each quarter with Brother Stephens
in Monaghan.

ROBERT H. LINDSAY, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

- 479 *Enniskillen*, John Nash, Robert J. Meyer; Robert Crozier,
John Nesbitt, Supernumeraries.
480 *Brookborough*, Robert Black, Charles Wood.
481 *Manorhamilton*, Frederick Elliott, Robert Collier.
482 *Loutherstown*, John Gilbert, William Quaile; William Douglas,
Supernumerary.
483 *Ballyshannon and Pettigo*, Thomas Foster, Alexander Twiss;
Samuel Kyle, who resides in Pettigo, Supernu-
merary.

JOHN NASH, *Chairman of the District.*

IX.—THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

- 484 *Londonderry*, Henry Price, William G. Price.
485 *Strabane*, Robert Hewitt, Robert Hazelton; William Finley,
Supernumerary.
486 *Omagh*, William Hoey, 1st, Robert Johnston; Arthur
Noble, Robert Carson, Supernumeraries.

HENRY PRICE, *Chairman of the District.*

X.—THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

- 487 *Belfast, South*, (*Donegal-Square Chapel, &c.*,) Robert Huston,
John Oliver; Edward Johnston, 1st, Supernu-
merary.
488 *Belfast, North*, (*Frederick-Street Chapel, &c.*,) Daniel M'Afee,
Benjamin Bayly; Samuel Downing, Super-
numerary.
489 *Ballyclare*, Robert Beauchamp, who shall change on one
Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers of
the Belfast North Circuit.
490 *Donaghadee*, James Tobias, William Hoey, 2d, who shall reside
in Newtownards; Samuel M'Dowell, Supernu-
merary, who resides in Kircubbin.

- 491 *Carrickfergus*, Thomas Hickey, who is to reside in Larne, James C. Bass.
 492 *Coleraine*, Wallace M'Mullen, Thomas A. M'Kee.
 493 *Magherafelt*, Robert G. Cather, A.M., Thomas Pearson; Edward Cobain, Supernumerary.
 494 *Lisburn*, Robert Wallace, Charles L. Grant; James Johnston, Supernumerary.
 495 *Downpatrick*, Robert A. Devers, John Wilson.

DANIEL M'AFEE, *Chairman of the District.*

XI.—THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

- 496 *Newry*, Thomas Meredith, Thomas Moran.
 497 *Dungannon*, John Armstrong, John Dwyer; Edward Hazelton, who resides in Moy, Nathaniel Hobart, Supernumeraries.
 N.B. Letters for Brother Hobart should be directed to Coal Island.
 498 *Armagh*, Thomas Ballard, Edward Best; William Armstrong, Supernumerary.
 499 *Lurgan*, William Cather, James Donald.
 500 *Moir and Dromore*, Edward Harpur, who is to reside in Dromore, Jeremiah Wilson, who is to reside in Moira.
 501 *Tandragee*, William Browne, John Higgins.
 502 *Portadown*, James Hughes, Richard Maxwell.

THOMAS BALLARD, *Chairman of the District.*

IRISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

I. EUROPE.

IRELAND.

- 1 *Lucan and Trim*, William Burnside, James Shaw.
 2 *Kilkenny*, Henry J. Giles, John R. Porter.
 3 *Youghal*, John Hill, who shall change on one Sunday in every quarter of a year with the Minister in Fermoy.
 4 *Fermoy*, John Harrington.
 5 *Kinsale*, James Collier, who shall change with the Ministers in Bandon, under the direction of the Superintendent of that Circuit.
 6 *Berehaven-Mines*, Mortlock Long.
 7 *Kerry*, John Donald.
 8 *Ballinasloe*, Samuel Ferguson.
 9 *Nenagh and Killaloe*, John Walker.
 10 *Kilrush*, Henry Geddes.
 11 *Galway*, James Murdock; William Cornwall, Supernumerary.

- 12 *Connemara*, James Henry.
 13 *Westport*, Gibson M'Millen.
 14 *Killala*, Samuel Johnston.
 15 *Belmullet and Erris*, Thomas W. Baker.
 16 *Donegal*, Hugh Moore, Robert H. Campbell; William Keys, Supernumerary.
 17 *Rathmelton and Ennishowen*, Francis Morrow. One to be sent.
 18 *Ballymena*, John Feely; Thomas M'Lorinan, who resides in Antrim, Supernumerary.
General Missionary, William G. Campbell, who is to travel on the Mission Stations, under the direction of the General Superintendent of the Missions.
 N.B. 1. Letters should be directed to Cavan.
 2. Brother Campbell is to attend the Clones District-Meeting.

MEDITERRANEAN MISSIONS.

- 19 *Gibraltar*, (*English and Spanish Departments*), George Alton.

II.—ASIA.

CEYLON.

I.—THE SINGHALESE DISTRICT.

(SOUTH.)

- 20 *Colombo, South*, Daniel J. Gogerly; Andrew Kessen, LL.D. (who is Acting Colonial Chaplain and Principal of the Native Normal School, under the Central School Commission, appointed by the Ceylon Government); David de Silva, Native Minister.
 21 *Colombo, North*, William Hill, 2d; John A. Poulter, Native Minister.
 22 *Negombo and Rillegalle*, Daniel D. Pereira, Native Minister.
 23 *Seedua and Minuangodde*, Cornelius W. de Hoedt, Native Minister.
 N.B. The Negombo and Seedua Circuits are under the care of the Superintendent of the Colombo North Circuit.
 24 *Galkisse and Angulani*, Cornelius Wijesingha, Native Minister.
 25 *Morotto*, P. G. de Zylva, Native Minister.
 26 *Pantura*, D. Henry Pereira, Native Minister.
 27 *Caltura*, John R. Parys, Native Minister.
 28 *Galle and Amblangodde*, Joseph Rippon; D. L. A. Bartholomeuz, Native Minister.
 29 *Belligam*, Henry Pereira, Native Assistant Missionary.
 30 *Matura*, William A. Lalmon, Native Minister.
 31 *Dondra*, Paul Rodrigo, Native Assistant Missionary.
 32 *Goddapitiya*, Joseph Fernando, Native Assistant Missionary.

DANIEL J. GOGERLY, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in South Ceylon.*

II.—THE TAMUL DISTRICT.

(NORTH.)

- 33 *Jaffna, Wannerponne, and Puttoor*, Richard D. Griffith, Edward J. Robinson; Simon Gasperson, Native Minister.
 34 *Point-Pedro and Cattavelley*, John Walton.
 35 *Trincomalee*, John S. Philips, Native Minister.
 36 *Batticaloa, First*, James Gillings; Richard Watson, Native Minister.
 37 *Batticaloa, Second*, One wanted.

RICHARD D. GRIFFITH, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in North Ceylon.*

CONTINENTAL INDIA.

I.—THE MADRAS DISTRICT.

- 38 *Madras*, Samuel Hardey, Thomas Cryer, Ebenezer E. Jenkins; James Hobday, Assistant Missionary.
 39 *Negapatam*, Joseph Little.
 40 *Manargoody*, John Kilner.
 41 *Trichinopoly*, John Pinkney.
 42 *Bangalore, (Tamul,)* Peter Batchelor.

SAMUEL HARDEY, *Chairman and General Superintendent of the Madras District.*

II.—THE MYSORE DISTRICT.

- 43 *Bangalore, (Canarese,)* John Garrett, Daniel Sanderson, Thomas B. Glanville.
 44 *Mysore*, Edward J. Hardey. Three wanted.
 45 *Goobbee and Toomkoor*, Two wanted; Henry O. Sullivan, Assistant Missionary.
 46 *Coonghul*, Two wanted.

JOHN GARRETT, *Chairman and General Superintendent of the Mysore District.*

CHINA.

George Piercy, William Beach, Josiah Cox.

MISSIONS IN AUSTRALASIA AND POLYNESIA.

I.—THE AUSTRALIA AND VAN-DIEMEN'S LAND DISTRICT.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

- 47 *Sydney, North, (York-Street,)* William B. Boyce, General Superintendent; Francis Tuckfield, John Eggleston.
 48 *Sydney, South, (Chippendale,)* Benjamin Chapman.
 49 *Sydney, East, (Surrey-Hills,)* Nathaniel Turner, William Schofield.
 50 *Paramatta*, Joseph Morris.

- 51 *Windsor*, Joseph Oram; James Somerville, Assistant Missionary.
 52 *Bathurst*, Samuel Wilkinson, 1st.
 53 *Bowenfels*, John W. Pemell, Assistant Missionary.
 54 *Hunter's-River*, Stephen Rabone; Joseph Fihningham, Assistant Missionary.
 55 *Camden*, No resident Missionary.
 56 *Wollongong*, No resident Missionary.
 57 *Goulburn and Queanbeyan*, No resident Missionary.
 58 *Moreton-Bay*, John G. Millard, Assistant Missionary.
 59 *Port-Macquarie*, Vacant for the present.

VICTORIA.

- 60 *Melbourne*, William Butters, Benjamin Hurst, Isaac Harding, Richard Hart, William P. Wells; William Byrnes, Assistant Missionary.
 N.B. John Kirk, 2d, appointed to accompany Robert Young on the deputation to Australia, is to remain in Australia.
 61 *Geelong*, Frederick Lewis.
 62 *Kilmore*, No resident Missionary.
 63 *Belfast*, William Lightbody.
 64 *Portland-Bay*, William C. Currey, Assistant Missionary.
 65 *Kyneton*, No resident Missionary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

- 66 *Adelaide, (North,)* Daniel J. Draper, John Harcourt.
 67 *Adelaide, (South,)* Thomas T. N. Hull.
 68 *Port-Adelaide*, One earnestly requested.
 69 *Gawler-Town and Kapunda*, Robert C. Flockhart, Assistant Missionary.
 70 *Mount-Barker*, Joseph Dare, Assistant Missionary.
 71 *Burra-Burra*, No resident Missionary.
 72 *Willunga*, John C. Symons, Assistant Missionary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

- 73 *Swan-River, (Perth,)* John Smithies, Thomas Raston; William Lowe, Assistant Missionary.

VAN-DIEMEN'S LAND.

- 74 *Hobart-Town*, Henry H. Gaud, Thomas B. Harris.
 75 *New-Norfolk*, John A. Manton.
 76 *Campbell-Town*, Jabez B. Waterhouse.
 77 *Longford*, Jonathan Innes.
 78 *Launceston*, Edward Sweetman.
 79 *Westbury*, Charles W. Rigg, Assistant Missionary.
 80 *Oatlands*, No resident Missionary.

WILLIAM BINNINGTON BOYCE, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Australia and Van-Diemen's Land Missions.*

II.—THE NEW-ZEALAND DISTRICT.

AUCKLAND SECTION.

- 81 *Auckland*, Walter Lawry, General Superintendent; Thomas Buddle.
Wesleyan College and Seminary, Joseph H. Fletcher.
Native Institution, (Three Kings,) Alexander Reid.
 82 *Manukau*, Henry H. Lawry.
 83 *Kawhia*, John Whiteley.
 84 *Aotea, (Beecham-Dale,)* Gideon Smales.
 85 *Waingaroa*, James Wallis.
 86 *Waipa and Wakatūmūtumu*, George Buttle.

NORTHERN SECTION.

- 87 *Mangungu and Wangaroa*, John Hobbs.
 88 *Waikanae and Newmarket*, John Warren.
 89 *Waikanae, (Kaipara,)* James Buller.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

- 90 *Wellington*, James Watkin, John Aldred.
 91 *Nelson*, Samuel Ironside.
 92 *New-Plymouth*, Henry H. Turton.
 93 *Waimate*, William Woon.
 94 *Waitotara*, George Stannard, Assistant Missionary.
 95 *Wanganui and Taupo*, William Kirk.
 96 *Waikowaiti, near Otago*, Charles Creed.

WALTER LAWRY, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in New-Zealand and in the Friendly and Feejee Islands.*

III.—THE FRIENDLY ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- 97 *Tongatabu*, William Webb, Thomas West, George Daniel.
 98 *Habai*, Matthew Wilson, George R. H. Miller.
 99 *Vavau*, Peter Turner, Thomas Adams, Walter J. Davis.
 100 *Niua-Tabutabu and Niua-Fo-ou*, Benjamin Latusele, Native Assistant Missionary.
 101 *Uvea, or Wallis's Island*, John Latu, Native Assistant Missionary.

PETER TURNER, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE FEEJEE DISTRICT.

- 102 *Lakemba*, Richard B. Lyth, John Malvern, John Polglase; Joel Bulu, Native Assistant Missionary, who resides at Ono.
 103 *Viwa and Bau*, James Calvert; Joseph Waterhouse, Assistant Missionary; Joshua Matayenani, Paul Vea, Native Assistant Missionaries.
 104 *Bua*, Thomas Williams, 2d, John Watsford; Samuel Waterhouse, Assistant Missionary.
 105 *Nandy*, David Hazlewood; William Moore, Assistant Missionary.

- 106 *Rotumah*, Wesley Langy, Native Assistant Missionary.
 107 *Ovalau*, Under the care of Native Teachers.
 RICHARD B. LYTH, *Chairman of the District.*

III. AFRICA.

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

I.—THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE DISTRICT.

- 108 *Cape-Town*, William Moister, General Superintendent; Richard Ridgill.
 109 *Rondebosch and Cape-Flats*, Barnabas Shaw.
 110 *Wynberg and Diep-River*, Benjamin Ridsdale.
 111 *Simon's Town and Elsey's River*, George Parsonson.
 112 *Stellenbosch and Raithby*, Edward Edwards.
 113 *Somerset (West) and Terrington-Grove*, Matthew Godman.
 114 *Khamies-Berg*, (*Little Namaqualand*,) James Cameron.
 115 *Nisbett-Bath*, (*Great Namaqualand*,) Joseph Tindall.
 116 *Hoole's-Fountain*, (*Great Namaqualand*,) Henry Tindall, Assistant Missionary.

WILLIAM MOISTER, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the Cape of Good Hope District.*

II.—THE ALBANY AND KAFFRARIA DISTRICT.

COLONIAL CIRCUITS.

- 117 *Graham's-Town*, William Shaw, 1st, General Superintendent; Henry H. Dugmore, George Chapman.
 118 *Salem and Farmerfield*, Vacant.
 119 *Bathurst and Lower Albany*, John Smith, 3d.
 120 *Fort-Beaufort*, Ebenezer D. Hepburn.
 121 *Port-Elizabeth and Uitenhage*, George H. Green.
 122 *Cradock*, John Edwards.
 123 *Somerset*, William C. Holden.
 124 *Burghers-Dorp*, John Ayliff.
 125 *D'Urban (Fingo Mission) and Fort-Peddie*, Vacant.
 126 *Newton-Dale and Waterloo-Bay (Fingo Mission)*, No resident Missionary.

N.B. The Ministers of the Colonial Circuits are to change regularly under the direction of the General Superintendent.

BRITISH KAFFRARIA.

- 127 *Mount-Coke, Wesleyville, and East London*, William Impey, William Sargeant.
 128 *King William's Town*, John W. Appleyard.
 129 *Haslope-Hills and Kamastone*, William Shepstone.
 130 *Lesseyton, Imvani, and Bonkolo*, One requested.
 131 *Wittebergen*, Johannes P. Bertram.

KAFFRARIA PROPER.

1. AMAXOSA.

132 *Butterworth*, Francis P. Gladwin.133 *Beecham-Wood*, One requested.

2. ABATEMBU.

134 *Clarkebury*, William H. Garner.135 *Morley*, Charles White, Assistant Missionary.

3. AMAMPONDO.

136 *Buntingville*, One requested.137 *Shawbury*, James Stewart Thomas.

4. THE BECHUANA DISTRICT.

138 *Thaba-Unchu*, (*Baralongs*,) and *Lokuala*, (*Basutos*,) One earnestly requested.139 *Plaatberg*, (*Newlanders and Basutos*,) Richard Giddy.140 *Lishuani*, *Umpukani*, and *Mirametsu*, (*Basutos*,) Gottlob Schreiner.141 *Imparani*, (*Batlokua*,) Under the superintendence of the Missionary at *Plaatberg*.142 *Colesberg*, Under the superintendence of the Chairman of the District.143 *Bloem-Fontein*, Purdon Smailes.144 *Tauane's Tribe*, (*Baralongs*,) Joseph D. M. Ludorf, Assistant Missionary.WILLIAM SHAW, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in South-Eastern Africa.*

III.—THE PORT-NATAL AND AMAZULU DISTRICT.

145 *D'Urban*, John Wilson, 2d, John Thomas, 2d.146 *Pietermauritzberg*, Horatio Pearse, John A. Baillie; Joseph Jackson, Supernumerary.147 *Kwangubeni*, (*Zwaartkops*,) Calvert Spenseley.148 *Indaleni*, Joseph Gaskin.149 *Palmerton*, (*Faku's Mission*,) Thomas Jenkins.HORATIO PEARSE, *Chairman of the District.*

WESTERN AFRICA.

I.—SIERRA-LEONE.

150 *Free-Town*, &c., James Edney; Charles Knight, Native Missionary; Richard Fletcher, Robert Gilbert, Lionel D. Reay.151 *Hastings*, &c., George H. Decker, Native Missionary.152 *York*, &c., Joseph Wright, Native Missionary.JAMES EDNEY, *General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Missions at Sierra-Leone.*

II.—THE GAMBIA.

- 153 *St. Mary's*, George Meadows, Henry Hirst.
 154 *Barra*, No resident Missionary.
 155 *McCarthy's Island*, Joseph May, Native Missionary.
 GEORGE MEADOWS, *General Superintendent of the Gambia Missions.*

III.—THE GOLD COAST, ASHANTI, AND OTHER PARTS OF GUINEA.

- 156 *Cape-Coast Town, Dixcove, Sekundi, Beulah, Providence, Abrobonko, Issuakil, Mampon, Abbakrampa, Akroful, Dunkwa, and Abaka*, Thomas B. Freeman; John Ossu Ansah, J. Solomon, Native Assistant Missionaries.
 157 *Anamabu, Abassa, Ejimakun, Assafa, and Essuahia*, Timothy Laing, Native Assistant Missionary.
 158 *Domonasi, Donasi, Abuadi, Ebuadzi, Ayeredu, and Aarbu-Tan*, George P. Brown, Native Assistant Missionary.
 159 *James-Town, (Akrah,) Winnibah, Prampram, Ningo, Poni, Tamma, Shy, Krobo, and Adda*, Henry Wharton, Ebenezer A. Gardiner.
 160 *Kumasi and Juabin*, Joseph Dawson, Native Assistant Missionary.
 161 *Badagry and Abbeokuta*, John A. Martin, Native Assistant Missionary.
 THOMAS B. FREEMAN, *General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Missions in Guinea.*

IV. AMERICA.

WEST INDIES.

I.—THE ANTIGUA DISTRICT.

- 162 *Antigua*, Joseph Biggs, Samuel Simons, George Blanchflower, Walter Garry.
 163 *Dominica*, Samuel Smyth, Aaron Edman.
 164 *Montserrat*, William Satchell.
 165 *Nevis*, William Ritchie, William F. Turtle.
 166 *St. Christopher's*, James Cox, Thomas M. Chambers, George Sargeant, Theophilus S. Gregory.
 167 *St. Eustatius and St. Bartholomew's*, Benjamin Tregaskis.
 168 *St. Martin's and Anguilla*, William T. Waymouth.
 169 *Tortola*, Robert Hawkins, Joshua Jordan.
 N.B. John B. Selley has leave of absence on account of the state of his health.

JAMES COX, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the Antigua District.*

II.—THE ST. VINCENT'S AND DEMERARA DISTRICT.

- 170 *St. Vincent's, Kingstown*, John Horsford, William Cleaver, Robert W. Clegg, Richard Ridyard.

- 171 *St. Vincent's, Biabou*, Henry Hurd, John S. Ellison, Charles J. Williams, Henry P. Wilson.
 172 *Grenada*, Samuel Brown, 3d, Samuel Pritchard.
 173 *Trinidad*, William Limmex; James Elliott, Assistant Missionary.
 174 *Tobago*, David Barley, Richard Wrench.
 175 *Demerara, George-Town*, William Hudson, William Heath, John E. S. Williams, John Wood, 2d.
 N.B. Brother John E. S. Williams is to devote his attention entirely to the immigrant Coolies.
 176 *Demerara, Mahaica*, William L. Binks.
 177 *Demerara, Victoria*, James Banfield.
 178 *Barbadoes*, William Bannister, Thomas Butcher, William Rotherham, Jason Chatterton.
 N.B. James Bickford is returning home.

WILLIAM BANNISTER, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the St. Vincent's and Demerara District.*

III.—THE JAMAICA DISTRICT.

- 179 *Kingston*, Jonathan Edmondson, General Superintendent; David Kerr, Edward Fraser, Edwin Blake; James Kerr, Assistant Missionary.
 180 *Montego-Bay and Lucea*, Martin Young, Joseph Williams.
 181 *Spanish-Town*, William Tyson.
 182 *Morant-Bay*, Herbert Carter.
 183 *Guy's-Hill and Watsonville*, Samuel Burrell.
 184 *Grateful-Hill*, William G. Stedman.
 185 *Falmouth*, Timothy Curtis.
 186 *St. Ann's Bay*, Henry B. Foster.
 187 *Ocho-Rios*, George Smith, 4th.
 188 *Beechamville*, James Atkins.
 189 *Bath and Port-Morant*, William Hodgson, William B. Wildish.
 190 *Port-Antonio*, John Vaz, Assistant Missionary.
 191 *Clarendon*, James Rowden, Alexander Foote.
 192 *Mount-Ward, Savannah-la-Mar, and Black River*, William West; William Holdsworth, Assistant Missionary. One earnestly requested.
 193 *Brown's-Town*, George Millsom.
 194 *Duncan's*, Joseph Webster.
 195 *Yallahs*, William Sinclair.
 196 *Mount-Fletcher*, Richard Harding.
 197 *Linstead*, Henry B. Britten.
 198 *Manchioneal*, Thomas Phelps.
 199 *Belize and Ruatan, (Honduras-Bay,)* Herbert W. Haime, Harman Mason.

JONATHAN EDMONDSON, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions and Schools in Jamaica.*

IV.—THE BAHAMA DISTRICT.

- 200 *New-Providence*, Hilton Cheesbrough, William English.
 201 *Eleuthera, First*, (*Rock-Sound, &c.*,) Thomas Lofthouse.
 202 *Eleuthera, Second*, (*Governor's Harbour, &c.*,) Thomas Cannell.
 203 *Harbour-Island*, James T. Hartwell.
 204 *Abaco*, Alexander J. Thompson.
 205 *Turk's-Islands*, John B. Brownell.

HILTON CHEESBROUGH, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the Bahama Islands.*

V.—THE HAYTI DISTRICT.

- 206 *Port-au-Prince*, Mark B. Bird. One earnestly requested.
 207 *Port-au-Plaat and Samana*, William Towler.
 208 *Jérémie*, Charles H. Bishop.
 209 *Cape-Haïtien and Gonaïves*, William Williams, 3d; Othello Bayard, Assistant Missionary.
 210 *Cayes*, St. Denis Bauduy.

MARK B. BIRD, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Hayti Missions.*

THE BRITISH DOMINIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

I.—WESTERN CANADA.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

- 211 *Mount-Elgin and Muncey*, Samuel Rose, John Sunday, Abraham Carpenter.
 212 *St. Clair*, Robert Brooking, William Herkimer.
 213 *New-Credit*, David Wright.
 214 *Grand-River*, William Ryerson, Abraham W. Sickles.
 215 *Schoogog*, To be supplied.
 216 *Mud-Lake*, One wanted.
 217 *Rice-Lake*, Thomas Hurlburt.
 218 *Alderville*, James Musgrove, William Case.
 219 *Rama*, Horace Dean.
 220 *Beausoliel and French-River*, David Sawyer.
 221 *Owen's Sound*, John Williams; John Neelands, Supernumerary.
 222 *Nawash and Colpoy's-Bay*, Conrad Vandusen.
 223 *Saugeeng*, James Hutchinson.
 224 *Lake-Huron, North Shore*, George W. M'Dougall.
 225 *Snake-Island*, One to be sent.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

- 226 *Brock*, Cornelius Flummerfelt.
 227 *Erin*, William Steer.
 228 *Mono*, William Dignam.
 229 *Cookstown*, Luther O. Rice.
 230 *Penetanguishene-Road*, Stephen Brownell.
 231 *Notawasaga*, James Clark.

- 232 *Proton*, Joseph Hill.
 233 *Kincardine*, Thomas Crews.
 234 *Bruce-Mines*, Edward Sallows.
 235 *Durham*, Henry Reid.
 236 *Derby*, One wanted.
 237 *Amherstburgh*, John Goodfellow.
 238 *Sandwich*, William Ames.
 239 *Wallaceburgh*, Francis Chapman.
 240 *Wardsville*, Charles Sylvester.
 241 *Strathroy*, James Armstrong, 1st.
 242 *Warwick*, John Webster.
 243 *Devonshire*, George Case.
 244 *Goderich*, Samuel Fear, William Creighton.
 245 *Morpeth*, Richard Phelps.
 246 *Nanticoke*, Rowley Heyland; John Baxter, Supernumerary.
 247 *Dunville*, Thomas Williams, William Richardson.
 248 *Crowland*, Robert Corson, Richard Clarke.
 249 *Cayuga-Heights*, Thomas Jeffers. One wanted.
 250 *Elora*, Solomon Waldron.
 251 *Peel*, John Armstrong, 1st, James Harris; Ezra Adams, Supernumerary.
 252 *Cartwright*, John Sanderson.
 253 *Metcalfs*, John C. Osborne.
 254 *Lindsay*, Thomas Hanna.
 255 *Shannonville*, Abraham Dayman.
 256 *Hungerford*, One wanted.
 257 *Madoc*, Robert Robinson; Stephen Miles, Supernumerary.
 258 *Rawdon*, George F. Playter.
 259 *Percy*, George Carr.
 260 *Norwood*, James C. Slater.
 261 *Amherst-Isle*, John Mills.
 262 *Sheffield*, William H. Williams.
 263 *Hinchinbrook*, One to be sent.
 264 *Cornwall*, Vincent B. Howard, William Burns.
 265 *Winchester*, David Hardie.
 266 *Sherbrooke*, David Jennings; Alvah Adams, Supernumerary.
 267 *Richmond*, James Greener, Robert Hobbs.
 268 *St. Andrew's*, Thomas W. Constable, Richard M. Hammond.
 269 *Lochaber*, Richard Wilson.
 270 *Osgood*, William M. Pattyson, Henry M'Dowell.
 271 *Gatineau*, John Howes.
 272 *Clarendon and Portage-de-Forte*, Thomas M'Mullen. One to be sent.
 273 *Westmeath*, One to be sent.
 274 *Huntley*, Henry Shaler.
 275 *Stouffville*, One to be sent.
 276 *St. Mary's*, Thomas Fawcett.
 277 *Mitchell*, One wanted.

II.—EASTERN CANADA.

- 278 *Montreal, Centre*, John Jenkins.
 279 *Montreal, West*, William Squire.

- 280 *Montreal, East*, Benjamin Slight, A.M.
 281 *Quebec*, John Borland.
 282 *Three-Rivers*, Charles de Wolfe, A.M.
 283 *Rawdon*, John Douglas.
 284 *St. John's and Chambly*, John C. Davidson.
 285 *Huntingdon*, George H. Davis.
 286 *Russelltown*, Thomas Campbell.
 287 *Odell-Town and Hemingford*, James Brock; George Douglas, 2d, Assistant Missionary.
 288 *Clarenceville*, Henry Lanton.
 289 *St. Armand's*, Edmund S. Ingalls.
 290 *Dunham*, Hugh Montgomery.
 291 *Shefford*, Giffard Dorey.
 292 *Stanstead*, John Tomkins.
 293 *Compton*, Rufus A. Flanders.
 294 *Sherbrooke and Eaton*, William Scott, George N. A. F. T. Dickson, Assistant Missionary.
 295 *Melbourne*, Malcolm M'Donald.
 296 *Leeds*, John Armstrong, 3d, Assistant Missionary.

WILLIAM SQUIRE, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

III.—THE NOVA-SCOTIA WESTERN DISTRICT.

- 297 *Halifax*, Matthew Richey, D.D., John M'Murray; William Bennett, William Croscombe, Supernumeraries.
 298 *Dartmouth and Musquodoboit*, Alexander W. M'Leod, D.D. One wanted.
 299 *Margaret's-Bay and Sambro*, Frederick W. Moore, Assistant Missionary.
 300 *Lunenburg*, Richard Weddall; James Armstrong, 2d, who is to reside at Petite Rivière.
 301 *Liverpool and Mill's-Village*, Rowland Morton. One wanted.
 302 *Shelburne*, One wanted.
 303 *Barrington*, Jeremiah V. Jost.
 304 *Yarmouth*, William Wilson, 1st.
 305 *Horton and Cornwallis*, Frederick Smallwood; George W. Tuttle, Assistant Missionary.
 306 *Windsor*, Henry Pope, 1st; John Marshall, Supernumerary.
 307 *Newport*, Thomas H. Davies; John L. Sponagle, Assistant Missionary.
 308 *Mailand*, Henry Pope, 2d.
 309 *Bermuda*, Isaac Whitehouse, Thomas M. Albrighton; James Horne, Supernumerary.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D., *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

IV.—THE NOVA-SCOTIA EAST, AND PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND, DISTRICT.

- 310 *Charlotte-Town*, Ephraim Evans, D.D., James B. Narraway; John B. Strong, Supernumerary.

- 311 *Pownal*, Alexander B. Black, Assistant Missionary.
 312 *Bedeque and Tryon*, George O. Huestis.
 313 *Truro and River-John*, James Buckley.
 314 *Amherst*, Wesley C. Beals.
 315 *Parrsborough*, Alexander M'Leod Desbrisay, Assistant Missionary.
 316 *Wallace*, Richard Smith.
 317 *River-Philip*, Robert E. Crane.
 318 *Guysborough and Canso*, William M'Carty; Thomas Gaetz, Assistant Missionary.
 319 *Ship-Harbour*, One wanted.
 320 *Sydney, Cape-Breton*, Joseph Herbert Starr, Assistant Missionary.
 EPHRAIM EVANS, D.D., *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

V.—THE NEW-BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

- 321 *St. John, South*, James G. Hennigar, John Allison, Robert Alder Temple.
 322 *St. John, North*, William Smithson.
 323 *St. John, West*, William T. Cardy; William Tweedy, Assistant Missionary.
 324 *Fredericton*, Charles Churchill.
 325 *Nashwaak*, One wanted.
 326 *Sheffield*, George Johnson. One requested.
 327 *Mill-Town*, Robert Cooney, A.M.
 328 *St. Stephen's, &c.*, Ingham Sutcliffe. One wanted.
 329 *St. Andrew's*, William Temple; George Miller, Supernumerary.
 330 *Sackville*, Richard Knight. One requested.
 331 *Point-de-Bute*, William Smith, 2d.
 332 *Peticodiac*, William Allen, 2d.
 333 *Hopewell*, Joseph F. Bent.
 334 *Sussex-Vale*, John Prince.
 335 *Woodstock, &c.*, Arthur M'Nutt; John S. Phinney, Assistant Missionary. One earnestly requested.
 336 *Annapolis*, George M. Barratt.
 337 *Bridge-Town*, Michael Pickles; Richard Williams, Supernumerary.
 338 *Aylesford*, Christopher Lockhart.
 339 *Digby and Sissiboo*, Robert A. Chesley.
 340 *Miramichi*, John Snowball.
 341 *Richibucto*, Vacant.
 342 *Dalhousie, &c.*, One requested.
 343 *Bathurst*, James Taylor, 2d.
 344 *Wesleyan Academy, Mount-Allison, Westmoreland*, Humphrey Pickard, A.M., Principal; Albert Desbrisay, Supernumerary, Chaplain.

RICHARD KNIGHT, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

VI.—THE NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

- 345 *St. John's*, Edmund Botterell, John S. Addy.
- 346 *Harbour-Grace*, Samuel W. Sprague.
- 347 *Carbonear*, Thomas Angwin.
- 348 *Blackhead*, James Norris.
- 349 *Perlican*, Adam Nightingale.
- 350 *Island-Cove*, John Brewster.
- 351 *Port-de-Grave*, Thomas H. Smith.
- 352 *Brigus*, William E. Shenstone.
- 353 *Trinity-Bay*, Vacant for the present.
- 354 *Bonavista*, James England.
- 355 *Green-Bay*, Vacant.
- 356 *Burin*, Elias Brettle.
- 357 *Grand-Bank*, John S. Peach.
- 358 *Hant's-Harbour*, One requested.

EDMUND BOTTERELL, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

TERRITORIES OF THE HUDSON'S-BAY COMPANY.

- 359 *Norway-House, Lake-Winnipeg*, William Mason.
- 360 *Moose-Factory*, One wanted.
- 361 *Oxford-House*, Under the care of a Native Teacher.
- 362 *Edmonton and Rocky Mountains*, One wanted.

The Superintendence of these Missions is, for the present, placed under the direction of the General Superintendent of the Missions in Western Canada, in order that they may be permanently connected with that department of the Work as soon as possible.

N.B. 1. John Corlett, Richard Haddy, and John Thomas, 1st, are under the direction of the Missionary Committee.

2. Peter Jacobs is under the direction of the Rev. Enoch Wood.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE IN CANADA, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

ENOCH WOOD, *President of the Conference, and General Superintendent of Missions.**

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Secretary.*

I.—THE TORONTO DISTRICT.

- 1 *Toronto City, East*, Ephraim B. Harper, William H. Poole; Anson Green, Book-Steward; James Spencer, Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D.D., Chief Superintendent of Schools, by permission of the Conference;

* The President's address is Yorkville, Upper Canada.

Lachlin Taylor, Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society, by permission of the Conference; Thomas Demorest, Agent for Connexional Funds, under the direction of the Book Committee.

- 2 *Toronto City, West*, Henry Wilkinson, John Douse.
- 3 *Yonge-Street*, Richard Jones, Wellington Jeffers.
- 4 *Humber*, Samuel C. Philp. One to be sent. John Culham, Supernumerary.
- 5 *Cooksville*, Jonathan Scott.
- 6 *Brampton*, William Young, William S. Blackstock. One to be sent.
- 7 *Oshawa*, John Law, David C. M'Dowell.
- 8 *Newmarket*, William Willoughby, Robert Lohead.
- 9 *Snake-Island and South Shore, Lake Simcoe*, One wanted.
- 10 *Markham*, Peter Ker, William Sanderson; David Youmans, Superannuated.
- 11 *Stouffville*, One wanted.
- 12 *Brock*, Cornelius Flummerfelt.
- 13 *Georgetown*, Joseph Messmore. One to be sent.
- 14 *Nelson*, Joseph W. M'Collum, John Hunt. One wanted.
- 15 *Erin*, William Steer.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman of the District.*

II.—THE BARRIE DISTRICT.

- 16 *Barrie*, Lewis Warner. One wanted.
- 17 *Bradford*, Reuben E. Tupper, Isaac Barber.
- 18 *Mono*, William Dignam.
- 19 *Cookstown*, Luther O. Rice.
- 20 *Rama*, Horace Dean.
- 21 *Beausoliel and French-River*, David Sawyer.
- 22 *Penetanguishene-Road*, Stephen Brownell.
- 23 *Notawasaga*, James Clark.
- 24 *St. Vincent*, Alexander Campbell. One wanted.
- 25 *Owen's-Sound*, John Williams; John Neelands, Supernumerary.
- 26 *Nawash and Colpoy's-Bay*, Conrad Vandusen.
- 27 *Saugeeng*, James Hutchinson.
- 28 *Proton*, Joseph Hill.
- 29 *Kincardine*, Thomas Crews.
- 30 *Bruce-Mines*, Edward Sallows.
- 31 *Lake-Huron, North Shore*, George W. M'Dougall.
- 32 *Durham*, Henry Reid.
- 33 *Derby*, One wanted.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman of the District.*

III.—THE LONDON DISTRICT.

- 34 *London*, William Pollard, John G. Laird; Thomas Harmon, Superannuated.
- 35 *London Circuit*, Alexander T. Green, James Taylor; Edmund Stoney, Superannuated.

- 36 *St. Thomas*, Richard Whiting, Edward H. Dewart.
 37 *Mount-Elgin and Muncey*, Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be specially directed to the Industrial School; John Sunday, Abraham Carpenter.
 38 *Chatham*, William Price, Joseph Hugill.
 39 *Gosfield*, John K. Williston.
 40 *Amherstburgh*, John Goodfellow.
 41 *Sandwich and Windsor*, William Ames. One wanted.
 42 *Port-Sarnia*, Edward White.
 43 *St. Clair*, Robert Brooking, William Herkimer.
 44 *Wallaceburgh*, Francis Chapman.
 45 *Wardsville*, Charles Sylvester.
 46 *Strathroy*, James Armstrong, 1st.
 47 *Warwick*, John Webster.
 48 *Goderich*, Samuel Fear, William Creighton.
 49 *Devonshire*, George Case.
 50 *St. Mary's*, Thomas Fawcett.
 51 *Mitchell*, One wanted.
 52 *Morpeth*, Richard Phelps.

SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

- 53 *Brantford*, Kennedy Creighton, Thomas Peacock; George Poole, Hamilton Biggar, Superannuated.
 54 *Paris*, Edwin Clement.
 55 *Woodstock*, Edmund Shepherd, John S. Evans,
 56 *Dumfries*, Ozias Barber, Francis Berry.
 57 *Ingersoll*, Charles W. M. Gilbert. One wanted.
 58 *Norwich*, Matthew Swan. One wanted.
 59 *Simcoe*, Edwy M. Ryerson. One wanted.
 60 *Walsingham*, Matthew Whiting. One wanted. Matthias Holtby, Supernumerary.
 61 *Malahide*, George Kennedy, John Shaw.
 62 *New-Credit*, David Wright.
 63 *Grand-River*, William Ryerson, Abraham W. Sickles, Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.
 64 *Blenheim and Stratford*, Joseph Shepley.
 65 *Wellesley*, Drummond G. Fletcher.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman of the District.*

V.—THE HAMILTON DISTRICT.

- 66 *Hamilton*, John Carroll, John Bredin; Samuel Belton, Superannuated.
 N.B. Brother Van Norman, by permission of Conference, has removed to New-York.
 67 *Dundas*, Isaac B. Howard, Thomas Stobbs.
 68 *Glandford and Seneca*, Simon Huntingdon, Andrew Smith; Andrew Prindel, Superannuated.
 69 *Nanticoke*, Rowley Heyland; John Baxter, Superannuated.

- 70 *Dunville*, Thomas Williams, William Richardson.
 71 *Grimsby*, William Haw, Joel Briggs.
 72 *St. Catharine's*, Claudius Byrne, William S. Griffin.
 73 *Drummondville and Niagara*, Thomas Cosford, George Young, who shall reside at Niagara.
 74 *Crowland*, Robert Corson, Richard Clarke.
 75 *Cayuga-Heights*, Thomas Jeffers. One wanted.
 76 *Guelph*, George Goodson.
 77 *Elora*, Solomon Waldron. One wanted.
 78 *Peel*, John Armstrong, 1st, James Harris; Ezra Adams, Superannuated.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman of the District.*

VI.—THE COBOURG DISTRICT.

- 79 *Cobourg*, George R. Sanderson, Samuel S. Nelles, A.M., Principal of Victoria College; George M'Ritchie, Thomas Culbert, Students; John Beatty, Supernumerary.
 80 *Port-Hope*, William M'Cullough.
 81 *Bowmanville*, Charles Fish.
 82 *Newcastle*, John English.
 83 *Cartwright*, John Sanderson.
 84 *Schoogog*, To be supplied.
 85 *Milbrook*, William Morton; Moses Blackstock, Supernumerary.
 86 *Peterborough*, John Gemley.
 87 *Mud-Lake*, One to be sent.
 88 *Rice-Lake*, Thomas Hurlburt.
 89 *Alderville*, James Musgrove, whose attention will be specially directed to the Industrial School; William Case, with permission to visit different parts of the work, as his health and circumstances may permit.
 90 *Colborne*, James Hughes.
 91 *Metcalfe*, John C. Osborne.
 92 *Lindsay*, Thomas Hanna.

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Chairman of the District.*

VII.—THE BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

- 93 *Belleville*, John Ryerson. One to be sent.
 94 *Consecon*, John A. Williams, John G. Witted; Cyrus R. Allison, Superannuated.
 95 *Pictou*, William M'Fadden, Aaron Miller; Gilbert Miller, Daniel M'Mullen, Supernumeraries.
 96 *Sidney*, Michael Fawcett.
 97 *Brighton*, John Black, John W. German; Charles Turver, Supernumerary.
 98 *Demorestville*, Joseph Reynolds.
 99 *Shannonville*, Abraham Dayman.

- 100 *Hungerford*, One to be sent.
 101 *Madoc*, Robert Robinson ; Stephen Miles, Superannuated.
 102 *Rawdon*, George F. Playter.
 103 *Percy*, George Carr.
 104 *Norwood*, James C. Slater.

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate, Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE KINGSTON DISTRICT.

- 105 *Kingston*, Samuel D. Rice, Charles Lavell ; James Booth,
 Henry Byers, Daniel Wright, Supernumeraries.
 106 *Napacnee*, David B. Madden, Robert Brewster.
 107 *Willan*, John Lever, Thomas Cleghorn.
 108 *Bath and Amherst-Isle*, George Beynon, John Mills.
 109 *Waterloo*, Charles Taggart.
 110 *Gananoque*, Benjamin Nankeville.
 111 *Newborough*, Michael Baxter. One to be sent.
 112 *Farmersville*, William Philp, William Chapman.
 113 *Newburgh*, Benjamin Jones ; Dr. Aylesworth, Supernumerary.
 114 *Sheffield*, William H. Williams.
 115 *Hinchinbrook*, One to be sent.

SAMUEL D. RICE, *Chairman of the District.*

IX.—THE BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

- 116 *Brockville*, William Andrews.
 117 *Prescott*, James Elliott.
 118 *Maitland*, Sylvester Hurlburt. One to be sent.
 119 *Kemptville*, Thomas Bevitt, John Armstrong, 2d.
 120 *Perth*, James Gray.
 121 *Matilda*, Francis Coleman, David Robertson.
 122 *Smith's-Falls*, William Coleman ; William Brown, Supernumerary.
 123 *Carleton and Pakenham*, William M'Gill. One to be sent.
 124 *Merrickville*, Erastus Hurlburt.
 125 *Cornwall*, Vincent B. Howard, William Burns.
 126 *Winchester*, David Hardie.
 127 *Sherbrooke*, David Jennings ; Alvah Adams, Superannuated.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman of the District.*

X.—THE BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 128 *Bytown*, Noble F. English.
 129 *Aylmer*, Asahel Hurlburt.
 130 *Richmond*, James Greener, Robert Hobbs.
 131 *St. Andrew's*, Thomas W. Constable, Richard M. Hammond.
 132 *L'Orignal*, David Clappison, Silas Huntingdon.
 133 *Lochaber*, Richard Wilson.
 134 *Osgood*, William M. Pattyson, Henry M'Dowell.
 135 *Gatineau*, John Howes.
 136 *Clarendon and Portage-de-Forte*, Thomas M'Mullen. One to be sent.
 137 *Westmeath*, One to be sent.
 138 *Huntley*, Henry Shaler.

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Chairman of the District.*

APPOINTMENTS OF THE FRENCH CONFERENCE, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

CHARLES COOK, D.D., *President of the Conference.*

- 1 *Paris*, Charles C. de Boinville; English Department,
Joseph Rylance.
- 2 *Calais*, Peter Lucas.
- 3 *Lisieux and Le Bocage*, Philip Guiton. One earnestly requested.
- 4 *Bar-le-Duc*, William Ogier.
- 5 *Nismes, Anduze, La Vaunage, and La Gardonnègue*, Charles Cook,
D.D., Peter Massot, Philip Neel, Luke Puls-
ford; Peter Roy, Simon Dugand, Assistant
Missionaries.
- 6 *Ganges, &c., (Les Cevennes, West,)* Matthew Gallienne, Emile F.
Cook, B.A.; Henry Martin, Supernumerary.
- 7 *Nyons, &c., (Drome,)* Francis Farjat; John le Lievre, Assistant
Missionary.
- 8 *Guillestre, &c., (Upper Alps,)* John L. Rostan.
- 9 *Lausanne and Aigle, (Switzerland,)* Henry de Jersey, Louis Martin.

Q. VIII. What is the NUMBER OF MEMBERS in our Societies?
A. As follows, viz.,—

IN GREAT BRITAIN.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
FIRST LONDON	2174	Manningtree	924
Richmond	144	Ipswich	449
Uxbridge	61	Hastings	477
SECOND LONDON	1150	Sevenoaks	279
Third London	1343	Tunbridge-Wells . . .	365
Fourth London	982	Lewes	152
Fifth London	1711	Brighton	518
Sixth London	785	St. Alban's	463
Seventh London	707	Guildford	266
Eighth London	1536	Dorking	119
Deptford	465	BEDFORD, &c. . . .	1053
Woolwich	471	Leighton-Buzzard . . .	987
Hammersmith	553	Luton	1040
Croydon	282	Dunstable	1051
Barking	141	St. Neot's	628
Leyton	61	Biggleswade	541
Ware	201	Hitchin	162
Cambridge	436	Huntingdon	684
Windsor	310	Northampton	860
Chelmsford	235	Towcester	521
Maldon	211	Daventry	576
Colchester	483	Newport-Pagnell . . .	334

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Higham-Ferrers	330	Chipping-Norton	401
Wellingborough	284	Swindon	276
Kettering	207	Wantage	450
Market-Harborough . . .	175	PORTSMOUTH	834
Chatteris	357	Gosport	146
Oundle	268	Salisbury	610
CANTERBURY	569	Poole	590
Faversham	391	Wimborne	367
Rochester	441	Ringwood	142
Gravesend	400	Newport	524
Sheerness	303	Southampton	580
Margate	677	Andover	343
Dover	745	Chichester	157
Deal	250	GUERNSEY, English	390
Rye	404	Guernsey, French	1012
Tenterden	359	Alderney, English	26
Ashford	300	Alderney, French	52
Sandhurst	583	Jersey, English	318
Maidstone	377	Jersey, French	1266
Sittingbourne	277	DEVONPORT	902
NORWICH	280	Plymouth	879
Bungay	272	Launceston	970
North-Walsham	812	Holsworthy	540
Yarmouth	300	Kilhampton	420
Lowestoff	360	Liskeard	700
Framlingham	288	Callington	577
Diss	533	Tavistock	567
New-Buckenham	347	Camelford	503
Bury St. Edmund's	202	Kingsbridge	260
Holt	42	Brixham	155
Lynn	554	Ashburton	289
Swaffham	350	REDRUTH	1629
Downham	333	Camborne	1789
Walsingham	463	Falmouth	1087
Wisbeach	368	Truro	1478
Thetford	584	Gwennap	1745
Mildenhall	391	St. Agnes	1027
Ely	490	St. Austle	1064
OXFORD	350	St. Mawes	347
High-Wycombe	401	Bodmin	751
Aylesbury	597	St. Columb	403
Witney	540	Penzance	1280
Banbury	585	St. Just	1551
Kineton	275	St. Ives	704
Newbury	547	Scilly Islands	114
Reading	197	Helstone	1540
Hungerford	719	Hayle	1151
Watlington	204	Marazion	564
Thame	146	EXETER	586
Brackley	547	Crediton	68

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Tiverton	272	Carmarthen	210
Taunton, &c.	570	Haverford-West	596
Bridgewater	325	Pembroke	552
South-Petherton	374	MERTHYR-TYDVIL	530
Axminster	168	Crickhowell	495
Budleigh-Salterton	260	Cardiff	248
Bridport	398	Cowbridge	171
Barnstaple	495	Brecon	136
South-Moulton	278	Llandilo	174
Bideford	649	Carmarthen	362
Dunster	292	Swansea	195
Oakhampton	217	Lampeter and Cardigan	456
Teignmouth	363	St. David's	92
BRISTOL, North	881	Aberystwith	641
Bristol, South	650	Machynlleth	401
Kingswood	303	Llanidloes	352
Banwell	350	RUTHIN and Denbigh	555
Weston-Super-Mare	125	Llangollen	453
Stroud	490	Corwen	191
Dursley	400	Llanrwst	233
Downend	331	Abergele and Conway	441
Gloucester	396	Holywell	728
Tewkesbury	257	Mold	447
Cheltenham	579	Llanasa	445
Newport	706	Beaumaris	385
Cardiff	500	Amlwch	593
Bridgend	165	Carnarvon	338
Monmouth, &c.	286	Bangor	562
Chepstow	204	Pwllheli	304
Abergavenny	190	Barmouth	369
Pontypool	828	Dolgelly	496
Ledbury	305	Llanfyllin	630
Hereford	301	Llanfair	273
BATH	600	BIRMINGHAM, West	1444
Bradford, Wilts.	630	Birmingham, East	1046
Midsomer-Norton	1042	West-Bromwich	637
Frome	424	Wednesbury	2064
Melksham	566	Walsall	694
Devizes	127	Wolverhampton	1329
Shepton-Mallet	859	Dudley	1651
Castle-Carey	203	Stourbridge	650
Sherborne	626	Stourport	560
Weymouth	562	Worcester	314
Dorchester	406	Bromsgrove	162
Shaftesbury	767	Evesham	243
Glastonbury	287	Redditch	424
Warminster	52	Coventry	303
SWANSEA	453	Leamington	353
Merthyr-Tydvil	932	Stratford-upon-Avon	154
Brecon	200	Hinckley	572

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Shrewsbury	292	Saddleworth	116
Madeley	1030	Bolton	2020
Wellington	640	Rochdale	1108
Ludlow	518	Burnley	1027
Kington	381	Bury	853
MACCLESFIELD	1565	Blackburn	524
Buxton	460	Haslingden	806
Congleton	1040	Bacup	1562
Namptwich	595	Colne	542
Northwich	640	Clitheroe	508
Burslem	924	Leigh	420
Tunstall	925	HALIFAX	1112
Newcastle	563	Huddersfield, First	1139
Longton	312	Huddersfield, Second	718
Stafford	275	Holmfirth	500
Leek	1040	Sowerby-Bridge	951
Uttoxeter	471	Todmorden	1288
Cheadle	181	Denby-Dale	247
LIVERPOOL, North	905	Bradford, West	1501
Liverpool, South	1600	Bradford, East	1453
Birkenhead	450	Great-Horton	720
Liverpool, Welsh	555	Keighley	1856
Chester	797	Bingley	1070
Mold and Buckley-Mount	93	Shipley	307
Carnarvon and Bangor	36	Skipton	514
Holyhead	47	Addingham	730
Wrexham	390	Grassington	330
Whitchurch	502	Settle	314
Warrington	408	FIRST LEEDS	1444
Runcorn	631	Second Leeds	1617
St. Helen's and Prescot	488	Third Leeds	1321
Southport and Ormskirk	405	Fourth Leeds	1241
Wigan	513	Bramley	750
Preston and Chorley	1143	Wakefield	847
Garstang	460	Birstal	1029
Lancaster	413	Dewsbury	1242
Newtown	615	Knarborough	792
MANCHESTER, First	1287	Otley	814
Manchester, Second	1550	Pateley-Bridge	1038
Manchester, Third	897	Pontefract	1357
Manchester, Fourth	813	Cleckheaton	181
Manchester, Welsh	181	Yeadon	422
Manchester, Fifth	1160	Woodhouse-Grove	540
Altrincham	468	SHEFFIELD, West	1509
Stockport, North	855	Sheffield, East	1130
Stockport, South	695	Chesterfield	382
New-Mills	434	Bakewell	95
Glossop	562	Bradwell	543
Ashton-under-Lyne	983	Rotherham	532
Oldham	730	Wath	556

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Doncaster	1556	Bridlington	1158
Barnsley	548	YORK	2020
Retford	1014	Tadcaster	854
Worksop	553	Pocklington	855
NOTTINGHAM, South	1001	Malton	985
Nottingham, North	951	Easingwold	1822
Ilkestone	244	Scarborough	1592
Mansfield	655	Pickering	994
Newark	1144	Thirsk	844
Bingham	505	Ripon	953
Leicester	582	Selby	1164
Melton-Mowbray	770	WHITBY	1200
Oakham	235	Stokesley	727
Stamford	282	Darlington	686
Grantham	453	Stockton	869
Peterborough	489	Barnard-Castle	656
Loughborough	685	Bishop-Auckland	525
Castle-Donington	616	Middleham	657
Derby	978	Richmond	348
Ashbourne	125	Reeth	712
Belper	387	Bedale	841
Ripley	214	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	798
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	572	Gateshead	785
Burton	350	North-Shields	370
Cromford	496	Blyth	190
LINCOLN	1544	South-Shields	355
Leafield	1137	Sunderland	851
Market-Raisen	608	Houghton-le-Spring	659
Louth	2386	Durham	954
Horncastle	1448	Wolsingham	660
Alford	1140	Hexham	362
Coningsby	350	Shotley-Bridge	748
Spilsby	750	Alston	390
Boston	1165	Allendale-Town	424
Wainfleet	633	Alnwick	126
Spalding	406	Berwick	59
Bourne	211	Morpeth	60
HULL, West	1662	CARLISLE	249
Hull, East	1405	Brampton	188
Beverley	450	Whitehaven	307
Driffild	764	Workington	400
Howden	1041	Appleby	428
Patrington	437	Penrith	720
Hornsea	441	Wigton and Keswick	190
Grimsby	1793	Kendal	628
Gainsborough	1033	Ulverstone	208
Epworth	651	Dumfries	50
Snaith	974	DOUGLAS	1289
Brigg	781	Ramsay	1571
Barton	1149	EDINBURGH	420

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Dunbar	41	Perth	62
Greenock	82	Arbroath and Montrose	97
Glasgow, West	494	Banff	62
Glasgow, East	182	Inverness	42
Airdrie	323	LERWICK	532
Stirling and Doune	28	Walls	430
Ayr	112	Northmavin	170
Aberdeen	269	North Isles	151
Dundee	138		

Total Number of Members in GREAT BRITAIN this Year . 281,263

Ditto last Year 302,209

Decrease 20,946

IN IRELAND.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
DUBLIN, South	500	Lowtherstown	931
Dublin, North	638	Ballyshannon, &c.	494
Kingstown	76	LONDONDERRY	258
Drogheda	208	Strabane	443
Wicklow	242	Omagh	563
WATERFORD	192	BELFAST, South	735
Carlow	233	Belfast, North	754
Newtownbarry	203	Ballyclare	245
Wexford	168	Donaghadee	520
CORK	308	Carrickfergus	224
Queenstown	39	Coleraine	270
Bandon	360	Magherafelt	304
Skibbereen	246	Lisburn	401
LIMERICK	255	Downpatrick	245
Roscrea	164	NEWRY	228
Cloughjordan	150	Dungannon	351
TULLAMORE	214	Armagh	373
Athlone	138	Lurgan	512
Maryborough	180	Moir and Dromore	469
Longford	155	Tandragee	333
SLIGO	369	Portadown	548
Castlebar	55	MISSION STATIONS.	
Ballina	110	Lucan and Trim	150
Boyle	272	Kilkenny	200
CLONES	251	Youghal	91
Cootehill	330	Fermoy	48
Cavan	410	Kinsale	98
Castleblaney, &c.	220	Berehaven Mines	48
Aughnacloy	226	Kerry	90
ENNISKILLEN	680	Ballinasloe	76
Brookborough	580	Nenagh and Killaloe	105
Manorhamilton	654	Kilrush	86

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Galway	74	Rathmelton	102
Belmullet and Erris	43	Nowtownlimavaddy	73
Donegal	431	Ballymena	220
Number of Members in IRELAND this Year		20,040	
Ditto last Year		20,815	
Decrease		775	

The Numbers in Society at the Stations occupied by the **WESLEYAN MISSIONARIES** are as follows;—not, however, including the Irish Missions, nor the *Domestic* Missions in Western Canada, the Societies of which are reckoned, respectively, with the Numbers reported from Ireland, and with those under the care of the Wesleyan Conference in Canada in connexion with the British Conference:—

EUROPE.

	Nos.		Nos.
WINNENDEN (Germany)	1000	Upper Alps	16
FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND,		Lausanne and Aigle	45
Paris	40	GIBRALTAR	61
Calais	34		
Boulogne	39	Total in Europe	1,882
Cæn and Lisieux	46	Last Year	1,938
Bar-le-Duc	13		
Nismes, Anduze, &c.	408	Decrease	56
Ganges (Cevennes)	43		
Nyons	137		

ASIA.

CEYLON.		<i>The Tamul, or North Ceylon District.</i>	
<i>The Singhalese, or South Ceylon District.</i>			
First Colombo	167	Jaffna, Wannarponne, and	
Second Colombo	188	Puttoor	166
Negombo	78	Point-Pedro and Cattavelly	20
Seedua	118	Trincomalee	7
Galkisse	112	Batticaloa, First	91
Morotto	327	Batticaloa, Second	12
Pantura	42		
Caltura	97	CONTINENTAL INDIA.	
Galle	103	<i>The Madras District.</i>	
Amblangodde	36	Madras	150
Belligam	21	Negapatam	28
Matura	37	Manaargoody	60
Dondra	3	Bangalore (Tamul)	128
Goddapitiya	9		

<i>The Mysore District.</i>		<i>Nos.</i>		<i>Nos.</i>
Bangalore (Canarese) . . .	17		Total in India and Ceylon	2,040
Goobbee and Toomkoor . . .	21		Last Year	1,949
Coonghul	2		Increase	91

AUSTRALASIAN AND POLYNESIAN MISSIONS.

<i>New South Wales.</i>		<i>New-Zealand.</i>	
Sydney, North	350	Auckland	269
Sydney, South	347	Pehiakura	87
Sydney, East	132	Kawhia	477
Paramatta	196	Beecham-Dale (Aotea) . . .	341
Windsor	190	Waingarua	194
Bathurst	208	Waipa	255
Hunter's-River	371	Mangungu	314
Camden	81	Waima	130
Wollongong	112	Wairoa (Kaipara)	150
Goulburn	104	Wellington	595
Queanbeyan	22	Nelson	340
Moreton-Bay	80	New-Plymouth	326
Port-Macquarie	16	Waimate	452
<i>Australia Felix.</i>		Waitotara	132
Melbourne	430	Wanganui	260
Geelong	226	Waikowaiti	289
Portland-Bay, &c.	56	<i>Friendly Islands.</i>	
<i>South Australia.</i>		Tonga	1815
Adelaide, North }	602	Habai	2045
Adelaide, South }		Vavau	2029
Burra-Burra	246	Niua-Tabutabu	393
Willunga	136	Niua-Fo-ou	610
Kapunda	134	Uvea	86
Mount-Barker	97	<i>Feejee.</i>	
<i>Western Australia.</i>		Lakemba	1568
Swan-River	60	Viwa	228
<i>Van-Diemen's Land.</i>		Bua	297
Hobart-Town }	385	Nandy	229
New-Norfolk }		<i>Total in the South-Sea</i>	
Campbell-Town	63	Missions	18,938
Launceston	209	Last Year	18,137
Longford	93	Increase	801
Westbury	45		
Oatlands	36		

AFRICA.

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

<i>The Cape District.</i>			
Cape-Town	293	Somerset (West)	204
Wynberg	81	Khamies-Berg	134
Simon's-Town	44	Nisbett-Bath	302
Stellenbosch	125	Hoole's-Fountain	35

The Albany and Kaffraria District.

	Nos.
Graham's-Town	445
Salem and Farmerfield	217
Bathurst, &c.	132
Fort-Beaufort, &c.	130
Port-Elizabeth, &c.	75
Cradock	87
Somerset, &c. }	77
Burghers Dorp }	
D'Urban (Fort-Peddie) }	152
Newton-Dale, &c. }	
Mount-Coke, &c.	51
Haslope-Hills, &c.	19
Lesseyton, &c.	100
Wittebergen	40
Butterworth	54
Beecham-Wood	137
Clarkebury	81
Morley	115
Shawbury	97
Buntingville	66

The Port-Natal and Amasulu District.

	Nos.
D'Urban	163
Pietermauritzberg	122
Kwangubeni	29
Indaleni	38
Palmerton	63

The Bechuana District.

Thaba-Unchu	220
Plaatberg	202
Lishuani	26
Umpukani	3
Imparani	50
Colesberg, &c. }	60
Bloem-Fontein }	
Tauane's Tribe	15

Total in Southern Africa 4,284
Last Year 4,621

Decrease 337

WESTERN AFRICA.

The Sierra-Leone District.

Free-Town	8772
Hastings and Wellington	1318
York	593

The Gambia District.

St. Mary's	485
Barra	46
M'Carthy's Island	261

The Gold-Coast and Ashanti District.

Cape-Coast Town, &c.	368
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Anamabu	122
Domonasi, &c.	111
British Akrah, &c.	124
Ashanti	27
Badagry and Abbeokuta	57

Total in Western Africa 7,284
Last Year 6,608

Increase 676

AMERICA.

WEST INDIES.

The Antigua District.

Antigua	2513
Dominica	931
Montserrat	420
Nevis	1664
St. Christopher's	3672
St. Eustatius	348
St. Bartholomew's	110
St. Martin's	385
Anguilla	395
Tortola	1737

Total in the Antigua

District	12,170
Last Year	12,397

Decrease 227

The St. Vincent's and Demerara District.

Kingstown	2411
Biabou	2513
Grenada	681
Trinidad	916

	Nos.
Tobago	1164
George-Town	1595
Mahaica	368
Victoria	545
Barbadoes	2700

Total in the St. Vincent's
and Demerara District 12,893
Last Year 13,327

Decrease 434

The Jamaica District.

Kingston	3601
Montego-Bay, &c.	870
Spanish-Town	886
Morant-Bay	1002
Guy's-Hill, &c.	1076
Grateful-Hill	558
Falmouth	559
St. Ann's Bay	774
Ocho-Rios	730
Beechamville	1233
Bath and Port-Morant	2072
Port-Antonio	499
Clarendon	1158
Mount-Ward, &c.	1460
Brown's-Town	636
Duncan's	740
Yallahs	656
Mount-Fletcher	595
Linstead	549
Manchioneal	866
Belize and Charibb-Town	503

	Nos.
Total in the Jamaica Dis- trict (including the Hon- duras-Bay Mission) 21,018	
Last Year	18,806
Increase	2,712

The Bahama District.

New-Providence	812
Eleuthera, First	440
Eleuthera, Second	848
Harbour-Island	523
Abaco	289
Andros-Island	15
Turk's Islands	450

Total in the Bahama District	2,877
Last Year	2,862
Increase	15

The Hayti District.

Port-au-Prince	176
Port-au-Plaat	190
Jérémie	22
Cape-Haitien	42
Cayes	22

Total in the Hayti District	452
Last Year	412
Increase	40

THE BRITISH DOMINIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

Indian Stations in Western Canada.

Newmarket and Snake- Island	446
Rama and Orilia	77
Beausoliel and French- River	69
Nawash	67
Saugeeng	105
Port-Sarnia and St. Clair	248
Muncey	222
New-Credit	84
Grand-River	143
Schoogog	130
Rice and Mud Lakes	80

Alderville	122
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Total on the Indian Stations	1,793
Last Year	1,861
Decrease	68

Eastern Canada District.

Montreal, East }	633
Montreal, West }	
Quebec	294
Three-Rivers	55
Wesleyville	236

	No.
St. John's	65
Chambly	30
Huntingdon	194
Russelton	133
Odell-Town	276
Clarenceville	136
St. Armand's	130
Dunham	345
Shefford	215
Stanstead	168
Compton	119
Sherbrooke	217
Melbourne	270
Leeds	223

Total in the Eastern	
Canada District	3,739
Last Year	3,769
Decrease	30

The Nova-Scotia District.

Halifax	362
Halifax County	104
Lunenburg	215
Liverpool and Mill's-Village	324
Barrington	291
Shelburne	178
Yarmouth	146
Horton and Cornwallis	420
Windsor	98
Newport	298
Maitland	229
Truro and River-John	162
Amherst	} 451
Parrsborough	
Wallace	525
Guysborough	204
Sydney (Cape-Breton)	125
Charlotte-Town (Prince Edward's Island)	362
Pourial	54
Bedeque	255
Bermuda	445

Total in the Nova-Scotia	
District	5,248
Last Year	5,187
Increase	61

The New-Brunswick District.

	No.
St. John, South	900
St. John, North	93
St. John, West	222
Fredericton	192
Nashwaak	100
Sheffield	87
Mill-Town	104
St. Stephen's	186
St. Andrew's	60
Sackville	125
Point-de-Bute	230
Petitcodiac	170
Hopewell	190
Sussex-Vale	232
Woodstock and Andover	283
Annapolis	260
Bridgetown	170
Aylesford	232
Miramichi	96
Richibucto	84
Bathurst	143

Total in the New-Brunswick	
District	4,159
Last Year	3,911
Increase	248

The Newfoundland District.

St. John's	198
Harbour-Grace	66
Carbonear	482
Blackhead	287
Island-Cove	61
Perlican	160
Port-de-Grave	86
Brigus	152
Bonavista	190
Burin	150
Green-Bay	230
Trinity-Bay	79
Grand-Bank	247
Hant's-Harbour	54

Total in the Newfoundland	
District	2,442
Last Year	2,607
Decrease	165

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	Nos.		Nos.
<i>The Hudson's-Bay District.</i>		Total in the Hudson's-	
Rossville	119	Bay District	119
		Last Year	119

Recapitulation of Members in the Foreign Missions.

In Germany, France, Switzerland, and Gibraltar	1,882
In Continental India and Ceylon	2,040
In Australia, Van-Diemen's Land, New-Zealand, Friendly Islands, and Feejee	18,938
In Africa (Southern, 4,284; Western, 7,284)	11,568
In the West Indies	49,410
In British North America (exclusive of Domestic Missions in Western Canada)	17,500
Total number of Members under the care of the Missionaries this Year	101,338
Last Year	98,011
Increase	3,327
On trial for Church-Membership, as far as ascertained . .	5,499

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Number of Members in Great Britain - - -	281,263
Ditto in Ireland - - -	20,040
Ditto in our Foreign Stations, exclusive of the Members of the Irish Missions, and of the Domestic Missions in Upper Canada, which are both included in the General Report of the Wesleyan Missionary Society - - -	101,338
Total number of Members under the care of the British and Irish Conferences - - -	402,641

N.B. The number of regular Ministers, and Preachers on Trial, and those who are Supernumerary and Superannuated, is as follows; viz.,—

<i>In Great Britain,</i>		
Ministers - - - - -	915	
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated - - -	192	
Preachers on Trial - - - - -	103	
		1,210
<i>In Ireland,</i>		
Ministers - - - - -	83	
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated - - -	31	
Preachers on Trial - - - - -	17	

					Nos.	
Missionaries; viz.,—						
Ministers	-	-	-	20		
Ditto Supernumerary	-	-	-	3		
Preachers on Trial	-	-	-	2		
				—	25	
						156
In our Foreign Stations,						
Ministers	-	-	-	370		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated	-	-	-	13		
Preachers on Trial	-	-	-	77		
				—		460
Total	-	-	-	-		1,826
Number of Members under the care of the Wesleyan Conference in Canada in connexion with the British Conference						
	-	-	-	-		27,585
Number of Ministers belonging to the Wesleyan Conference in Canada in connexion with the British Conference						
	-	-	-	-	186	
Supernumerary and Superannuated	-	-	-	-	25	
					—	211

Q. IX. Who is appointed the PRESIDENT OF THE NEXT CONFERENCE IN IRELAND, to commence in Cork, on Wednesday, the 22d of June, 1853?

A. Our PRESIDENT, the REV. JOHN SCOTT.

N.B.—1. The Ex-President, the REV. JOHN HANNAH, D.D., the REV. DR. NEWTON, and the REV. DR. BEECHAM, are appointed to accompany the President to the next Irish Conference.

2. The PRESIDENT is requested to visit Scotland in the month of October, for the purpose of promoting the Missionary cause, and also of attending the Financial District-Meeting. The REV. DR. ALDER and the REV. FRANCIS A. WEST are appointed to accompany the President to Scotland, in order to ascertain the financial and religious state of Methodism in Scotland, and to prepare some plan to be laid before the next Conference in reference to that department of our work.

3. The PRESIDENT is appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Second South-Wales District-Committee, to be held at Lampeter, in the spring of 1853.

4. The REV. JAMES METHLEY is appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the North-Wales District-Committee, to be held at Llangollen, in the spring of 1853.

5. Two of the English Ministers stationed in Wales shall attend the District-Meetings of the Welsh Ministers; and two of

the Welsh Ministers shall attend the District-Meeting of the English Ministers in South-Wales.

6. The REV. ENOCH WOOD is appointed the President of the next Conference in Canada; and the REV. JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate.

7. The REV. CHARLES COOK, D.D., is appointed the first President of the French Conference.

8. The REV. JOHN STEPHENSON is appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Shetland Isles District, to be held in the spring of 1853.

Q. X. Who are the COMMITTEE FOR GUARDING OUR PRIVILEGES during the ensuing year?

A. The PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the CONFERENCE; all the Ministers appointed to the eight London Circuits; the Superintendents of the Deptford, Hammersmith, and Woolwich Circuits; all those Ministers now living who have filled the office of PRESIDENT of the CONFERENCE;—the REV. THOMAS WAUGH, the REV. HENRY PRICE, and the REV. JAMES TOBIAS, the Representatives of the Irish Conference;—together with the following Gentlemen:—

George Bowes, Esq., *London*,
 John J. Buttress, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Chubb, Esq., *ditto*,
 John S. Elliott, Esq., *ditto*,
 Thomas Farmer, Esq., *ditto*,
 James Hoby, Esq., *ditto*,
 William W. Pocock, Esq., *ditto*,
 Richard Marsden Reece, Esq., *ditto*,
 Greaves Walker, Esq., *ditto*,
 Benjamin Agar, Esq., *York*,
 William J. Beet, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 T. Percival Bunting, Esq., *Manchester*,
 John Burton, Esq., *Middleton*,
 John Daniel Burton, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Burton, Esq., *Roundhay, Leeds*,
 Joseph Carne, Esq., *F.R.S., Penzance*,
 William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
 Charles Cooper, Esq., *Manchester*,
 William Dyson, Esq., *Howden*,
 Robert Fawcitt, Esq., *Scarborough*,
 John Fernley, Esq., *Manchester*,
 John Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,
 George Heald Esq., *Liverpool*,

James Heald, Esq., *Didsbury*,
 Francis Heeley, Esq., *Birmingham*,
 James Henwood, Esq., *Hull*,
 William B. Holdsworth, Esq., *Leeds*,
 John Irving, Esq., *Bristol*,
 John R. Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 James Meek, Esq., *York*,
 Robert Middleton, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
 George Morley, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Thomas Potter, Esq., *Manchester*,
 Thomas Sands, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 Humphry Sandwith, Esq., *M.D., Hull*,
 William G. Scarth, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
 William Skinner, Esq., *Stockton*,
 George Smith, Esq., *F.S.A., Cambrorne*,
 Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 John F. Sutcliffe, Esq., *Willow-Hall*,
 Thomas Walker, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
 William Walker, Esq., *Bradford*,
 J. P. Brown Westhead, Esq., *M.P., Leigh Castle*,
 Peter Wood, Esq., *M.D., Manchester*.

N.B.—1. The thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to the Committee of Privileges, for their diligent attention to the important matters confided to their care during the last year, and especially for their opposition to the Charitable Trusts' Bill, recently introduced into the Commons' House of Parliament, the provisions of which would have injuriously affected the property of the Connexion; and the

Committee are requested to exercise like vigilance, should any similar measure be introduced during the ensuing session.

2. A Committee is hereby specially appointed for cases of exigency demanding immediate attention, or requiring prompt communication with the Government or with Parliament on subjects affecting our public interests; to consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Secretaries of the Committee of Privileges, the General Secretaries of our Missions, the Chairman and the Secretaries of the Education Committee, the

Rev. Dr. Bunting,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— Peter M' Owan,
— John Mason,
— William Naylor,
— William L. Thornton,
— Samuel D. Waddy,
— Thomas Waugh;

T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
James Heald, Esq.,
James Hoby, Esq.,
John R. Kay, Esq.,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.,
J. P. Brown Westhead, Esq., M.P.

3. The Conference presents its thanks to the members of "the Committee appointed to afford advice and assistance in cases involving any attempt to invade the property belonging to the Connexion," for the very valuable services it has rendered to the Body during the past year; and expresses its approval of the general course it has pursued, and of the pecuniary arrangements it has found necessary to adopt with a view to the effective carrying out of its measures.

4. The Conference directs that its grateful acknowledgments be conveyed to those Gentlemen who have kindly afforded assistance in raising the funds which have been required for the purposes of the above Committee; and hereby empowers that Committee to adopt similar measures for raising moneys which may be required for the protection of Connexional property.

5. The following persons are appointed the Committee for the year ensuing; viz., the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the

Rev. Dr. Alder,
— Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Elijah Hoole,
— Samuel Jackson,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— William Kelk,
— Peter M' Owan,
— John Mason,
— William Naylor,
— George Osborn,
— John Rattenbury,
— Francis A. West;

T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
John Chubb, Esq.,
Charles Cooper, Esq.,
William Corderoy, Esq.,
John Corderoy, Esq.,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
James Heald, Esq.,
James Hunter, Esq.,
John Lidgett, Esq.,
William Merry, Esq.,
William Pearce, Esq.,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.

6. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the Secretaries of the Committee of Privileges for their assiduous services during the past year.

7. The REVDS. WILLIAM BARTON, CHARLES PREST, and THOMAS VASEY, are appointed the Secretaries of the three preceding Committees for the ensuing year. All communications to be addressed to the REV. CHARLES PREST, 23, *City-Road, London*.

MISSIONS.

Q. XII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to our MISSIONS?

A. 1. The following persons are appointed the General Committee of Management for the ensuing year;—viz., the PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the CONFERENCE; the GENERAL TREASURERS; the Treasurer of the London District Auxiliary Society, JOHN J. BUTTRESS, Esq.; Sixteen of the Ministers appointed to the London Circuits, viz.,—

Rev. William Arthur, A.M.,
— Alfred Barrett,
— William Barton,
— Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— John Hall,
— Elijah Hoole,
— Thomas Jackson,

Rev. Frederick J. Jobson,
— Joseph Lawton,
— Peter M'Owan,
— John Mason,
— William Naylor,
— George Osborn,
— Charles Prest,
— William L. Thornton, A.M.;—

The sixteen following Gentlemen of *London*, viz.,—

Mr. W. Bourne,
Mr. John Chubb,
Mr. John Corderoy,
Walter Griffith, Esq.,
Christopher Gabriel, Esq.,
John Hunter, Esq.,
Mr. Thomas Knight,
Mr. Peter Kruse,

Williamson Lamplough, Esq.,
Mr. John Lidgett,
Mr. Francis Lycett,
Mr. William Pearce,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
Mr. Francis Shaw,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.;—

And, for the *Country*,—

The Rev. Dr. Alder,
— William Burt,
— Corbett Cooke,
— Jonathan Crowther,
— Henry Davies,
— John P. Haswell,
— Dr. Newton,
— Samuel D. Waddy;
John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,

Thomas Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
James Heald, Esq., *Didsbury*,
John Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
George Smith, Esq., *Camborne*,
Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
J. P. Brown Westhead, Esq., M.P.,
Leigh Castle.

WALTER GRIFFITH, JOHN M. CAMPLIN, A. H. LATTEY, JAMES HUNTER, and FREDERICK INGOLDBY, ESQs., of London, are requested to act as a Medical Sub-Committee.

The following Gentlemen are appointed a Sub-Committee, to meet prior to the next Conference, and to report on the affairs of the Polynesian Missionary Ship:—

Mr. Chodwick, *London*,
 Francis Colley, Esq., *Shields*,
 Thomas Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 John Irving, Esq., *Bristol*,
 Mr. Lidgett, *London*,
 Mr. Matthews, *Penzance*,

Mr. Pryde, *Liverpool*,
 Thomas Sands, Esq., *ditto*,
 Thomas Speeding, Esq., *Monkwear-*
mouth,
 George Tindall, Esq., *London*,
 Mark Whitwell, Esq., *Bristol*,—

with power to add to their number.

2. The cordial thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to THOMAS FARMER, Esq., and the REV. JOHN SCOTT, for their important services as General Treasurers of the Wesleyan Missionary Society during the past year. MR. FARMER and the REV. JOHN SCOTT are requested to accept that office for the ensuing year; and the REV. ELIJAH HOOLE is appointed the Deputy-Treasurer.

3. The cordial thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the General Secretaries for their acceptable and useful services, and to the General Committee, for their able and faithful direction of the affairs of our Missions, during the past year.

4. The following Ministers and other Friends are particularly invited to attend a Special Meeting of the General Missionary Committee, which will be held in Bradford, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, July 26th, 1853, according to the Seventeenth Article of the "Laws and Regulations of the Wesleyan Missionary Society;" viz,—the

Rev. William Bacon,
 — John Bowers,
 — Isaac Keeling,
 — James Methley,
 — John Rigg,
 — Thomas H. Squance,
 — William W. Stamp,
 — Samuel Tindall,
 — Francis A. West;

G. R. Chappell, Esq., *Manchester*,
 J. Fernley, Esq., *ditto*,
 W. Hatton, Esq., *Halifax*,
 Thomas Holmes, Esq., *Bradford*,
 J. Lofthouse Esq., *Sheffield*,
 G. Morley, Esq., *Leeds*,
 J. Nussey, Esq., *Birstal*,
 William Smith, Esq., *Leeds*,
 William Walker, Esq., *Bradford*.

N.B. The Missionary Committee are empowered to invite to this Meeting such persons, being Treasurers and Secretaries of the different Auxiliary and Branch Societies, and also such other leading friends of the Wesleyan Missions, as are disposed to take an active part in the support and extension of our Missionary Society.

5. The Conference unanimously adopts the following Resolutions of the Missionary Committee of Review held July 27th, 1852:—

(1.) "That the encouraging degree of prosperity vouchsafed to the Missionary department of the work during the year, as manifested in the advance of the knowledge of Christian truth in heathen countries,—in the increase of three thousand eight hundred and forty-three church-members on the foreign stations,—and in the amount of contributions placed at the disposal of the Committee,

is an occasion of devout thankfulness to Almighty God, and a motive to renewed zeal and exertion in the cause of Missions."

(2.) "That this Committee has heard with much satisfaction of the arrangement which the Missionary Committee has entered into with the Treasurers of the United Testimonial Fund, by virtue of which, a moiety of that Fund, amounting to £3,942. 11s. 4d., will be placed at the disposal of the Committee, on the terms specified; a like arrangement having been entered into with the Committee of the Auxiliary Fund. It is most gratifying to be informed that the calculations of the Committee of the Testimonial Fund have been so fully justified, and that their efforts, supplemented as they have been by the additional and munificent subscription of Mr. Farmer, have proved completely successful; the whole sum required for the purpose having been not only promised, but paid. The high satisfaction with which this Committee regards the addition thus appropriately made to the funds of the Missionary Society, is greatly increased by the consideration that this large sum has been raised in a period of great Connexional trial. It cannot be insensible to the value of this decisive indication of the feeling of the Methodist body at the present time; being persuaded that so large a sum would not have been obtained, except under the influence of a strong and widely-spread conviction of the personal worth of the two eminent Ministers to whom the Testimonial has been presented, and of the value of those services which they have rendered to the cause of religion, and particularly to Wesleyan Methodism. And while this Committee gladly renews and confirms those expressions of grateful esteem for the Rev. Dr. Bunting, which are contained in its Resolutions of last year, it is happy to take this opportunity of acknowledging the obligations under which the Rev. Dr. Newton has laid the friends of Methodism, and of true religion, in this country, by the labours of his long and honourable public career. Any attempt fully to describe that course, would be out of place on the present occasion; but the Committee must advert, however briefly, to the service which that distinguished Minister has rendered to the great cause of Christian Missions. From the formation of the Methodist Missionary Society, he has ranked among its most eminent and successful advocates, and has pleaded its cause both from the pulpit and the platform in almost every part of the British Isles, with a diligence, constancy, and success which have never been exceeded; and the value of his important services has been greatly enhanced by the generous readiness with which, from time to time, they have been rendered. And further, the Committee is persuaded that the feeling so decidedly expressed towards these excellent Ministers, is a just indication of the warm attachment of the Methodist public to the admirable Connexional system which the labours of Dr. Bunting

and Dr. Newton have so largely contributed to maintain and extend, and a cheering pledge of its future extension and prosperity."

(3.) "That the commencement of a Mission in China appears to be called for by providential indications: spontaneous donations having been offered for that object; a labourer having of his own accord proceeded to that region, and now requesting help; and candidates being found who are willing, on any terms, to devote themselves to that Mission. This meeting deems it right that a commencement should be made, and indulges the hope that means will be found for the support and rapid extension of the Mission."

(4.) "This meeting cordially approves of the principle adopted by the Missionary Committee, that the older Missions of the Society should, as far as practicable, be sustained by their own resources; and the Parent Society, while still retaining the general management of their operations, be relieved, as soon as possible, from the labour of examining and deciding upon all the details of their management, as well as from the pecuniary responsibility of their support. The selection of Australia and Van Diemen's Land as a field for the experimental application of this principle, which was indicated by the circumstances of the Missions there last year, has since been fully confirmed by the new and very peculiar circumstances in which those Colonies have been lately placed, which necessarily render the management in this country of those Missions more difficult than before. This meeting therefore highly approves of the Resolution of the Parent Committee to send a Deputation to Australia, and to proceed with the necessary preparations for reorganizing the work in that interesting region. This meeting is further of opinion that the proposed arrangements now under consideration for securing to Methodism in France a distinct ecclesiastical position, and greater facilities for useful and extended operations among the French people, may be contemplated as hopeful indications of future good; and the great labour and attention which have been bestowed on these arrangements, are regarded by this Committee as a pledge that every care will be taken for the maintenance and security of Methodist doctrine and discipline, whilst the system will be placed on a wider, and, as it is hoped, on a permanent, basis."

6. ROBERT YOUNG is appointed, at the instance of the Missionary Committee, as a Deputation to visit Australia and New-Zealand, for the purpose of facilitating certain new and important arrangements for carrying on the work in those extensive Districts.

7. JOHN KIRK, 2d, is appointed to accompany Mr. Young to Australia. These brethren and their important Mission are earnestly commended to the prayers of our Societies and Congregations.

8. WILLIAM B. BOYCE is appointed to accompany Mr. Young, as the Deputation to New-Zealand.

9. The Conference having heard the Minutes of the Missionary Committee in reference to certain new arrangements which are contemplated for carrying forward the work in France, and the statements of Dr. Beecham and Dr. Cook on the same subject, hereby expresses its approbation of the plan proposed, and directs that it be carried into effect at the earliest opportunity. It further expresses its earnest desire and hope that the anticipations expressed as to the beneficial tendency of these arrangements will be fully realized.

MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS, 1852-53.

Districts.

<i>Bedford and Northampton,</i>	{ Robert S. Hardy, Henry Bleby,
<i>Kent,</i>	{ James Methley, John Lambert.
<i>Norwich, (South,)</i>	Henry H. Chettle, John Martin.
<i>Lynn, (North,)</i>	Robert Newstead, William M. Punshon.
<i>Oxford,</i>	Robert Thompson, George Maunder.
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	Charles Haydon, John Gostick.
<i>Guernsey,</i>	William O. Booth, James H. Rigg.
<i>Devonport,</i>	John Rattenbury, Charles Prest.
<i>Cornwall, (West,)</i>	Peter Duncan, Matthew T. Male.
<i>Cornwall, (East,)</i>	Francis A. West, George B. Macdonald.
<i>Exeter,</i>	Daniel West, Thomas James.
<i>Bristol,</i>	Thomas H. Squance, Henry Daniel.
<i>Bath,</i>	William Barton, George Scott, 1st.
<i>First South Wales,</i>	John Farrar, Benjamin Field.
<i>Birmingham,</i>	Thomas Llewellyn.
<i>Shrewsbury,</i>	Frederick J. Jobson, Luke Tyerman.
<i>Macclesfield,</i>	Samuel W. Christophers, John Richards, 2d.
<i>Liverpool,</i>	Joseph Wood, David Hay.
<i>Manchester and Bolton,</i>	Dr. Hannah, Thomas Vasey.
<i>Halifax and Bradford,</i>	{ Dr. Alder, William H. Rule,
<i>Leeds,</i>	{ Edward Nye, Gervase Smith.
<i>Sheffield,</i>	{ Richard Haddy, Thomas Capp.
<i>Nottingham and Derby,</i>	{ Dr. Dixon, Samuel D. Waddy, John Parkes.
<i>Lincoln, (South,)</i>	John Lomas, John H. James.
<i>Lincoln, (North,)</i>	{ Richard Felvus, Thornley Smith,
<i>Hull,</i>	{ Thomas Hodson, Luke H. Wiseman.
<i>York,</i>	George Roebuck, Peter Samuel.
<i>Whitby,</i>	Walter O. Croggon, Thomas Williams, 1st.
	Peter M'Owan, George T. Perks.
	George Steward, Samuel Coley.
	{ William J. Shrewsbury, Robert M. Mac-
	{ Brair, M.A.

<i>Newcastle,</i>	}	Joseph Stinson, William Fox, 1st,
		John Ryan, 1st, Nehemiah Curnock.
<i>Carlisle,</i>	}	Joseph Hargreaves, John Hartley.
<i>Ireland, (North,)</i>		John Thomas, 1st, William L. Thornton, M.A.
<i>Ireland, (South,)</i>		Henry Davies, Alfred Barrett.
<i>Ireland, (West,)</i>		John Bedford.
<i>Scotland,</i>		The President of the Conference.

SCHOOLS.

Q. XIII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the affairs of our SCHOOLS?

A. 1. JOHN IRVING, Esq., and the REV. CHARLES PREST are re-appointed the General Treasurers, and the REV. PETER M'OWAN and the REV. HENRY BLEBY are re-appointed the General Secretaries, for the ensuing year.

2. The following persons are appointed as the General Committee for the ensuing year:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the General Treasurers and Secretaries of the School-Fund,—

Rev. William Allen, 1st,	G. R. Chappell, Esq., <i>Manchester,</i>
— William Barton,	J. Vanner, Esq., <i>London,</i>
— Dr. Beecham,	A. Vickers, Esq., <i>Disley,</i>
— John Bowers,	John B. Falconar, Esq., <i>Newcastle,</i>
— Dr. Bunting,	J. Lidgett, Esq., <i>London,</i>
— William Burt,	W. W. Pocock, Esq., <i>ditto,</i>
— Jonathan Crowther,	Thomas Crook, Esq., <i>Liverpool,</i>
— Dr. Dixon,	Benjamin Agar, Esq., <i>York,</i>
— Joseph Hargreaves,	James Meek, Esq., <i>ditto,</i>
— William Horton,	W. Hopwood, Esq., <i>Burnley,</i>
— Thomas Jackson,	Mr. Crabtree, <i>Shipley,</i>
— William Jackson, 2d,	Mr. Bingham, <i>Bradford,</i>
— Frederick J. Jobson,	Mr. M. Rhodes, <i>ditto,</i>
— William Kelk,	W. Walker, Esq., <i>ditto,</i>
— John Mason,	J. Hargreaves, Esq., <i>Kirkstall,</i>
— Dr. Newton,	C. Bousfield, Esq., <i>Leeds,</i>
— John Rigg,	R. Ripley, Esq., <i>ditto,</i>
— William Smith, 1st,	Mr. W. Gilpin, <i>ditto,</i>
— William W. Stamp,	Mr. S. Walker, <i>Hunslet,</i>
— William L. Thornton,	Samuel H. Smith, Esq., <i>Sheffield,</i>
— Thomas Vasey,	J. Lofthouse, Esq., <i>ditto,</i>
— Samuel D. Waddy;	J. Hartley, Esq., <i>Wolverhampton,</i>
Thomas Farmer, Esq., <i>London,</i>	Mr. F. Heeley, <i>Birmingham,</i>
James Heald, Esq., <i>Stockport,</i>	R. Hardey, Esq., <i>Hull,</i>
T. P. Bunting, Esq., <i>Manchester,</i>	W. Turner, Esq., <i>Derby;</i> —

and all the members of the Local Committees who may attend the next Conference.

3. The following are the Local Committees for the ensuing year:—

NEW KINGSWOOD SCHOOL.—

Rev. Corbett Cooke, *Chairman*,
 — Joseph Cusworth, *Local Treasurer*,
 — John C. Pengelly, *Secretary*,
 — William P. Burgess, A.M.,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — William Elton,
 — John Harvard,
 — William Hessel,
 — James Taylor, 1st,
 — Charles Westlake,
 — William Willan;
 James Budgett, Esq., *Bristol*,
 Thomas Exley, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Irving, Esq., *ditto*,
 Francis Riggall, Esq., *ditto*,

Mr. Thomas Pethick, *Bristol*,
 John Ayre, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Thomas Harris, *ditto*,
 Mr. Gilbert, *ditto*,
 Mr. Price, *ditto*,
 Thomas Crocker, Esq., M.D., *ditto*,
 Mr. John Collins, *Bath*,
 Mr. W. Batchelor, *ditto*,
 Mr. James Taylor, *ditto*,
 William B. Lidiard, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. A. Mowat, *ditto*,
 Mr. W. Phipps, *ditto*,
 Mr. W. H. Walmaley, *ditto*,
 Mr. Kerslake, *ditto*.

WOODHOUSE-GROVE SCHOOL.—

Rev. Dr. Alder, *Chairman*,
 — William Lord, *Local Treasurer*,
 — John H. James, *Secretary*,
 — Jonathan J. Bates,
 — Willson Brailsford,
 — James Carr,
 — Thomas Dickin,
 — Richard Felvus,
 — Elijah Jackson,
 — Robert Jackson,
 — Isaac Keeling,
 — James Loutit,
 — John M'Owan,
 — John Rattenbury,
 — William Stevinson,
 — Joseph Stinson,
 — Edward Walker,
 — William R. Williams,
 — Theophilus Woolmer;

John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
 William Smith, Esq., *ditto*,
 George Morley, Esq., *ditto*,
 Joseph Richardson, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Benjamin Pollard, *ditto*,
 W. B. Holdsworth, Esq., *ditto*,
 Lodge Calvert, Esq., *Bradford*,
 W. Cheeseborough, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. T. Haigh, *ditto*,
 William Peel, Esq., *ditto*,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 W. Pawson, Esq., *Farnley*,
 T. Blenkhorne, Esq., *Huddersfield*,
 W. Keightley, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Yewdall, Esq., *Rawdon*,
 Mr. Jonas Sugden, *Keighley*,
 W. Moxon, Esq., *Pontefract*,
 Mr. W. Hatton, *Haltfax*,
 Mr. F. Roper, *ditto*.

4. The thanks of the Conference are presented to JOHN IRVING, Esq., and the REV. CHARLES PREST, the General Treasurers, for their efficient discharge of the duties of their office during the year.

5. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the General Secretaries, and to the Local Committees and Secretaries, for their efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices during the year.

6. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the REV. JOSEPH CUSWORTH and the REV. WILLIAM LORD, the Governors of the Schools, and to MRS. CUSWORTH and MRS. LORD, for their kind and diligent attention to the comfort and welfare of the children placed under their care.

7. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the Donors of £5 and upwards, for their liberal support of the School-Fund. Their names are published in the Annual Report of the Schools.

8. Our Ministers may have the option of their sons entering either of our Schools at eight or nine years of age, and remaining

six years from the date of entrance, so as to leave the School at fourteen or fifteen respectively.

9. The thanks of the Conference are presented to JOHN VANNER, Esq., and the REV. FREDERICK J. JOBSON, the Treasurers of the New-Kingswood School Building-Fund, and to those Ministers and Gentlemen who formed the Committee of Management, for their attention to the duties with which they were entrusted. And the Conference further expresses its high satisfaction with the diligence, faithfulness, and judgment by which, in the face of many difficulties, they have brought this important undertaking to its successful completion.

10. The Private Subscriptions and Public Collections for the Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools, &c., are to be made in the *early* part of the month of November, 1852; and the amount should be immediately remitted to the REV. HENRY BLEBY, 3, *Northampton-Square, Clerkenwell, London*, one of the General Secretaries for the School-Fund.

BOOK AFFAIRS.

Q. XIV. What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to the affairs of the Book-Room?

A. 1. The REV. WILLIAM BARTON is appointed Secretary to the Book-Committee for the ensuing year. Letters should be addressed to him, at *No. 17, Beaumont-Street, Marylebone, London*.

2. The REV. DANIEL WEST is appointed Secretary of the Methodist Tract-Committee. Communications for this department should be addressed to him, at *No. 14, City-Road, London*.

3. The General Book-Committee shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, and the members of the London Book-Committee who may attend the Conference; with the

Rev. Dr. Alder,
 — Dr. Andrews,
 — William Burt,
 — Jonathan Crowther,
 — Henry Davies,
 — Dr. Dixon,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Joseph Hargreaves,
 — John P. Haswell,
 — Israel Holgate,
 — George Jackson,
 — Thomas Jones, 2d,
 — Isaac Keeling,
 — John Lomas,
 — William M. Harvard, M.A.,
 — Robert M. MacBrair, M.A.,
 — George B. Macdonald,
 — George Marsden,
 — James Methley,

Rev. Robert Newstead,
 — Dr. Newton,
 — Edward Nye,
 — John Rigg,
 — George Scott, 1st,
 — John Smith, 2d,
 — William Smith, 1st,
 — William W. Stamp,
 — John Stephenson,
 — William B. Stephenson,
 — George Taylor,
 — Samuel Tindall,
 — George Turner, 1st,
 — Thomas Vasey,
 — Samuel D. Waddy,
 — Edward Walker,
 — Francis A. West,
 — J. Gilchrist Wilson;—

and the Representatives of the Irish Conference.

4. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the Editors and Book-Steward, to the Secretary of the Book-Committee, to the Secretary of the Tract-Committee, and to the London Book-Committee, for the valuable services which they have rendered in the management and direction of the affairs of the Book-Room during the past year.

5. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to the REV. SAMUEL JACKSON, and the Sub-Committee who, in conjunction with him, have edited the Periodical entitled "The Vindicator," for the valuable services they have thereby rendered to the cause of constitutional Methodism.

6. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to the Secretary, the REV. JOHN FARRAR, for the very acceptable and valuable service which he has rendered to our Connexion by the preparation of his able work, entitled "A Biblical and Theological Dictionary: illustrative of the Old and New Testaments."

7. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to the REV. WILLIAM H. RULE, for his valuable works, entitled "Martyrs of the Reformation" and "The Brand of Dominic."

CHAPEL AFFAIRS.

Q. XV. What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the GENERAL CHAPEL-FUND, and the CHAPEL-RELIEF FUND?

A. (I. *General Chapel-Fund* :)

1. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the REV. JOSEPH HARGREAVES, the Treasurer, and the REV. FRANCIS A. WEST, the Secretary, for their faithful services during the past year. JOHN BURTON, Esq., of Middleton, and the REV. JOSEPH HARGREAVES, are appointed the Treasurers, and the REV. FRANCIS A. WEST, the Secretary, for the ensuing year.

2. The Conference cannot deny itself the melancholy pleasure of recording its estimate of the value of the services rendered by the late Treasurer, THOMAS MARRIOTT, Esq., who, with his coadjutor, the late REV. ROBERT WOOD, during the course of many years, most faithfully discharged the duties of that office to the satisfaction of the Conference, and the great advantage of the Connexion at large.

3. The Committee of Distribution of the GENERAL CHAPEL-FUND shall meet in Bradford, on the Friday previous to the next Conference; and shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Treasurers and Secretary of the General Chapel-Fund, the Treasurer, Secretaries, and Committee of the Chapel-Relief Fund, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Chapel-Building Committee;—

Rev. Dr. Alder,
 — William Barton,
 — Dr. Bunting,
 — Henry Davies,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Dr. Hannah,
 — John P. Haswell,
 — Thomas Jackson,

Rev. William Lord,
 — James Methley,
 — Dr. Newton,
 — William Naylor,
 — John Rigg,
 — William Smith, 1st,
 — William W. Stamp;—

and *fifteen* Lay-Trustees, to be chosen as follows by the June Quarterly Meetings; viz., one from Bradford West, Bradford East, First London, Second London, Manchester First, Halifax, Keighley, Huddersfield Second, Leeds First, Leeds Second, Sowerby-Bridge, Sheffield West, York, Birmingham West, and Birmingham East.

4. All Collections and Subscriptions are to be remitted to the Treasurers of the General Chapel-Fund, (Mr. Burton and the Rev. Joseph Hargreaves,) *at the latest, before the end of March, 1853.*

(II. *Chapel-Relief Fund.*)

1. The cordial and respectful thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to JOHN BURTON, Esq., of Middleton, the Treasurer of the Chapel-Relief Fund, to the REV. FRANCIS A. WEST, and MR. JOHN D. BURTON, the Secretaries, and to the Members of the Committee, for their diligent and faithful services during the past year; and the Treasurer and the Secretaries are respectfully requested to continue their services during the ensuing year.

2. The CHAPEL-RELIEF COMMITTEE for the distribution of Final Grants in aid of Embarrassed Chapels, shall consist of the following persons; viz.,—

The President of the Conference,
 Rev. John Bedford,
 — William Burt,
 — Charles Haydon,
 — Israel Holgate,
 — William Hurt,
 — William Jackson, 1st,
 — William Kelk,
 — John Lomas,
 — George Marsden,
 — Robert Newstead,
 — Dr. Newton,
 — Thomas A. Rayner,
 — John Rigg,
 — Joseph Roberts,
 — Thomas Staton;

Richard Bealey, Esq.,
 T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
 Charles Cooper, Esq.,
 Thomas Crook, Esq.,
 John Farnworth, Esq.,
 John Fernley, Esq.,
 James Heald, Esq.,
 Samuel R. Healey, Esq.,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq.,
 Daniel S. Leather, Esq.,
 John Lomas, Esq.,
 George Marsden, Esq.,
 James Marshall, Esq.,
 John Meek, Esq.,
 John Napier, Esq.,
 Charles Simpson, Esq.,
 Archibald Vickers, Esq.,
 Peter Wood, Esq., M.D.

The Treasurer and Secretaries are, *ex officio*, members of the Committee.

3. This Committee (who have power to add to their number, if

they deem it expedient) are directed to consider applications from the Trustees of Embarrassed Chapels for Relief by Final Grants, towards the reduction of debt, and to decide what proportions of the amount to be liquidated shall be raised by the Trustees and friends of each Chapel to be relieved. The Committee are directed to hold their first Meeting in October next.

4. All Letters containing applications for Final Grants must be accompanied by the Schedules prepared by the direction of the Conference, properly filled up and signed. A new Schedule must be forwarded on every new application, and addressed (post-paid) to the REV. FRANCIS A. WEST, *Daulby-Street, Liverpool*.

CHAPEL-BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Q. XVI. Who are the CHAPEL-BUILDING COMMITTEE (without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased, or enlarged) for the ensuing year?

A. 1. The Rev. John Bedford,	J. Blakeley, Esq.,
— John Bowers,	T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
— William Burt,	John Burton, Esq.,
— William Fox, 1st,	John D. Burton, Esq.,
— Charles Haydon,	Charles Cooper, Esq.,
— Israel Holgate,	John Fernley, Esq.,
— William Hurt,	James Heald, Esq.,
— William Kelk,	J. Robinson Kay, Esq.,
— John Lomas,	John Lomas, Esq.,
— George Marsden,	John Makinson, Esq.,
— George T. Perks,	George Marsden, Esq.,
— John Ryan, 1st,	John Napier, Esq.,
— George Taylor,	Francis Parnell, Esq.,
— William H. Taylor,	C. W. Rippon, Esq.,
— Francis A. West,	Archibald Vickers, Esq.,
— William Wilson, 3d;	Peter Wood, Esq., M.D.

N.B. The obligation to consult the Building Committee extends to all cases of erection, purchase, or enlargement, whether pecuniary responsibility be incurred, or otherwise.

2. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the REV. GEORGE MARSDEN, the Chairman, the REV. WILLIAM KELK, the Secretary, and to the Members of the Committee, for their diligent attention to the business brought before them during the past year. THE REV. GEORGE MARSDEN is re-appointed the Chairman of this Committee, and the REV. WILLIAM KELK the Secretary, for the ensuing year. All letters on the subject of Chapels to be built or enlarged should be addressed to the REV. WILLIAM KELK, *Bolton*.

N.B. 1. The Committee usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

2. For the cautionary regulations which refer to the erection, purchase, or enlargement of chapels, see Minutes, Vol. XI., p. 652—655.

CHILDREN'S FUND.

Q. XVII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the CHILDREN'S FUND?

A. 1. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the District-Treasurers of the Children's Fund throughout the kingdom, for their kind services during the year; and also to JOHN LOFTHOUSE, Esq., and the REV. SAMUEL D. WADDY, the General Treasurers, and to the REV. GEORGE B. MACDONALD, the General Secretary, of the Fund.

2. JOHN LOFTHOUSE, Esq., and the REV. SAMUEL D. WADDY, are re-appointed the General Treasurers, and the REV. GEORGE B. MACDONALD is re-appointed the General Secretary, for the ensuing year.

3. Balances due from District-Treasurers should be remitted to the REV. SAMUEL D. WADDY, *Wesley College, Sheffield*. Letters on business relating to this Fund, and the Schedules from the Districts, should be sent to the REV. GEORGE B. MACDONALD, *Hockley, Birmingham*.

4. In conformity with the standing Rule, which makes provision towards the support of the children of our Ministers, from a certain rate of contribution in proportion to the exact numbers in Society, it is agreed that, for the *ensuing year*, *One Hundred* members shall provide the allowance for *one* child. On this principle the following statement has been drawn up, which determines the number of Children's Allowances for which each District is to provide in the year 1852-53, and which must be divided by the September District-Meeting, according to rule, among the several Circuits included in it:—

Districts.	No. of Members.	No. of Children.
1 London	18,454	185
2 Bedford and Northampton.....	10,017	100
3 Kent	6,076	61
4 Norwich and Lynn	6,470	65
5 Oxford	6,235	62
6 Portsmouth.....	4,293	43
7 Guernsey	3,064	31
8 Devonport	6,562	66
9 Cornwall.....	18,224	182
10 Exeter.....	5,315	53
11 Bristol.....	8,247	82
12 Bath	7,151	72
13 First South Wales.....	2,943	29
14 Second South Wales	4,253	43
15 North Wales	7,443	74
16 Birmingham and Shrewsbury.....	15,461	155
17 Macclesfield	8,991	90

Districts.	No. of Members.	No. of Children.
18 Liverpool	10,451	105
19 Manchester and Bolton	20,101	201
20 Halifax and Bradford.....	14,750	148
21 Leeds	14,635	146
22 Sheffield	8,418	84
23 Nottingham and Derby	11,734	117
24 Lincoln	11,778	118
25 Hull	13,739	137
26 York	11,583	116
27 Whitby and Darlington.....	7,221	72
28 Newcastle	7,791	78
29 Carlisle	3,368	34
30 Isle of Man	2,860	29
31 Edinburgh and Aberdeen	2,352	24
32 Shetland Isles	1,283	13

CONTINGENT FUND.

Q. XVIII. Who are appointed to act for the ensuing year as the General Treasurers, Secretaries, and Committee, of the CONTINGENT FUND?

A. 1. ARCHIBALD VICKERS, Esq., and the REV. JOSEPH CUSWORTH, are re-appointed the Treasurers; and the REV. JOHN STEPHENSON, and the REV. THOMAS DICKIN, are re-appointed the Secretaries.

The Committee are, the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President; John Lofthouse, Esq., the Rev. Samuel D. Waddy, and the Rev. George B. Macdonald, as the Treasurers and Secretary of the Children's Fund;

Rev. Dr. Alder,
— William Bacon,
— Henry Davies,
— Corbett Cooke,
— John P. Haswell,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— William Lord,
— John Mason,

Rev. James Methley,
— William Naylor,
— John Rigg,
— John Smith, 2d,
— Thomas H. Squance,
— William W. Stamp,
— Francis A. West;

with *two* Gentlemen, members of our Society, to be chosen by the Circuit-Stewards at the May Meeting of the Halifax and Bradford District, and *one* from each of the following Districts; viz., London, Birmingham and Shrewsbury, Macclesfield, Liverpool, Manchester and Bolton, Leeds, Sheffield, Nottingham and Derby, Lincoln, Hull, York, Whitby and Darlington, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

2. The thanks of the Conference are presented to ARCHIBALD VICKERS, Esq., and the REV. JOSEPH CUSWORTH, the Treasurers, and to the REV. JOHN STEPHENSON and the REV. THOMAS

DICKIN, the Secretaries, of the Contingent Fund, for the able and satisfactory manner in which their duties have been performed.

3. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to GEORGE R. CHAPPELL, Esq., THOMAS FARMER, Esq., and other friends, for their handsome contributions to the Contingent Fund in the course of the last year.

N.B. The Committee of Distribution, appointed to determine the *maximum* of Allowances to be made for Ordinaries to the several Districts, out of the Contingent Fund for 1853, after examining the probable income of that year, on the one hand, and the probable *comparative* necessities on the other hand, (taking into the account the increase or decrease of expense in the several Circuits of each District,) came to the following conclusions, which are now printed in conformity with the order of the Conference, for the information and direction of the Circuits, and of the September District-Meetings; viz.,—

	£.	s.	d.
<i>Yearly Collection of 1853</i>	5,604	0	0
<i>July or Home-Mission Collection of 1853</i>	3,288	0	0
<i>Grant from Mission-House</i>	630	0	0
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	9,522	0	0
Reserved for the payment of Extraordinaries in 1853	369	0	0
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There remains as a maximum to be now provisionally granted for Ordinaries.....	9,153	0	0

Districts.	Grants for Ordinaries.			Newly Married Ministers.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1 London	373	0	0	575	0	0
2 Bedford and Northampton.....	120	0	0	270	0	0
3 Kent	74	0	0	185	0	0
4 Norwich and Lynn	150	0	0	328	0	0
5 Oxford	180	0	0	160	0	0
6 Portsmouth.....	106	0	0	88	0	0
7 Guernsey	22	0	0	80	0	0
8 Devonport	157	0	0	35	0	0
9 Cornwall	84	0	0	190	0	0
10 Exeter.....	173	0	0	184	0	0
11 Bristol	200	0	0	505	0	0
12 Bath	42	0	0	135	0	0
13 First South Wales.....	66	0	0	40	0	0
14 Second South Wales	278	0	0			
15 North Wales	234	0	0	120	0	0
16 Birmingham and Shrewsbury ...	223	0	0	179	0	0

Districts.	Grants for Ordinaries.			Newly Married Ministers.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
17 Macclesfield	94	0	0	144	0	0
18 Liverpool	88	0	0	270	0	0
19 Manchester and Bolton	81	0	0	115	0	0
20 Halifax and Bradford.....	84	0	0	141	0	0
21 Leeds	56	0	0	75	0	0
22 Sheffield	40	0	0	160	0	0
23 Nottingham and Derby	183	0	0	259	0	0
24 Lincoln	38	0	0	120	0	0
25 Hull	36	0	0	64	0	0
26 York				40	0	0
27 Whitby and Darlington.....	67	0	0	155	0	0
28 Newcastle-upon-Tyne	75	0	0	184	0	0
29 Carlisle	191	0	0	35	0	0
30 Isle of Man.....						
31 Edinburgh and Aberdeen	290	0	0	145	0	0
32 Shetland Isles.....	315	0	0	75	0	0
Ireland	650	0	0			
	<hr/> £4,770 0 0			<hr/> £5,056 0 0		

Special Grants are this year made to the following Circuits, in pursuance of a Resolution unanimously passed by the Committee of the Contingent Fund, and subsequently authorized by the Conference :—

	£.		£.
London, Third.....	70	Huddersfield, First	21
Kettering	21	Yeadon	20
Rochester	70	Sheffield, East	70
Diss	20	Grantham	60
Salisbury	40	Ripley	25
Newport	40	Ashby	30
Southampton.....	20	Spalding	20
Downend	40	Epworth	20
Monmouth	40	Brigg.....	30
Pontypool.....	40	Blyth.....	10
Merthyr-Tydvil	10	Wolsingham	9
Garstang	25	Workington	20
Wellington	40		
Evesham	20		
Skipton	50		
			<hr/> £881

Special Fund for the Relief of Ministers.—The cordial and respectful thanks of the Conference are presented to THOMAS FARMER, Esq., the Treasurer, and to the REV. FREDERICK J.

Jonson, the Secretary, of the Special Fund, for the very efficient and successful services they have rendered in the management of this Fund.

On closing the accounts of the Special Fund, the Conference presents its very cordial and affectionate thanks to those Ministers and Friends who have so generously and seasonably furnished the means by which many of our persecuted brethren have been greatly relieved and encouraged in the midst of severe trials and privations.

WORN-OUT MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AUXILIARY FUND.

Q. XIX. Who are the Committee of the WORN-OUT MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AUXILIARY FUND,—appointed to superintend the general state and working of that Fund; and also to consider and decide upon such peculiar cases of Superannuated and Superannuated Ministers, and of Widows of Deceased Ministers, as may be specially recommended by the District-Meetings in the ensuing year, for some *occasional* relief from that Fund?

A. The PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the Conference; the EX-PRESIDENT; and the

Rev. Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Thomas Harris,
— John P. Haswell,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Samuel Jackson,
— Isaac Keeling,
— John Mason,
— William Naylor,
— John Rigg;

Robert Abbott, Esq., *Alford*,
Benjamin Agar, Esq., *York*,
John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
Thomas Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
Thomas Farmer, Esq., *London*,
James Heald, Esq., *Stockport*,
Francis Riggall, Esq., *Bristol*,
George Smith, Esq., *Camborne*,
Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
Archibald Vickers, Esq., *Dialley*,
Ralph Wilson, Esq., *Newcastle*.

N.B. Should any of the persons belonging to this Committee be unable to attend its Meeting on the Saturday previous to the assembling of the next Conference, early notice should be sent to the PRESIDENT, who has authority to appoint substitutes.

Q. XX. Who are appointed the TREASURERS and the SECRETARY of the Auxiliary Fund, for the ensuing year?

A. 1. GEORGE R. CHAPPELL, Esq., of Manchester, and the REV. JOHN RATTENBURY, are requested to accept the office of Treasurers; and the REV. HENRY H. CHETTER, that of Secretary; and they are *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

2. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to GEORGE R. CHAPPELL, Esq., and the REV. JOHN SCOTT, the General Treasurers, to the DISTRICT-TREASURERS, the CIRCUIT-TREASURERS, and the SECRETARY, to whose continued and faithful services the maintenance of the Fund is so largely indebted.

Q. XXI. Have the DONATIONS IN THE CLASSES during the year amounted, on the average, to Sixpence per Member?

A. From the Treasurers' Report it appears that had the decrease of contributions to the Fund in the Classes been at the rate of sixpence per member on the entire diminution of members in Society during the last year, the loss to the Fund would have been upwards of £1,400, but that the sum received is only £500 less than the preceding year. The Conference expresses its grateful acknowledgment to God for the continued and firm attachment of our faithful people to those Ministers of our body who are now unable to perform all the active duties of the Christian ministry, shown by their generous contributions to this Fund; and it hereby presents to them its cordial thanks.

Q. XXII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the affairs of the AUXILIARY FUND?

A. 1. The Conference adopts the following Resolutions of the COMMITTEE of the AUXILIARY FUND, passed at its Meeting, Saturday, July 24th, 1852:—

(1.) "According to the estimate of income and expenditure for the year now presented to the Committee, it appears that there will be a deficiency, including the balance due to the Treasurers, of at least £6,000, if the payments for the year, to the Supernumeraries and Widows, be made *in full*.

"After deliberating most carefully and anxiously on this state of the Fund, the Committee were compelled with great pain and reluctance to resolve:—That, to prevent so large an addition to the present debt, it be recommended that a deduction be made this year from the payments to Supernumeraries and Widows, to the same amount in each case as last year.

(2.) "At the special request of the lay-members of the Committee, it was agreed to recommend that after the deductions from the allowances due to the several claimants upon the Fund, according to the preceding resolution, it be submitted to the Committee of General Finance, which the Conference is hereby requested to appoint to consider the state of all our Connexional Funds, whether it may not be practicable to make arrangements for the liquidation of the debt which, after these deductions are made, will still remain upon the Fund.

(3.) "This Committee further recommends that it be referred to the above-named Committee, to consider whether the Grants towards furniture, made to Ministers when through inability longer to perform the duties of a Circuit they are compelled to become Supernumeraries, thereby ceasing to have any further claim upon any Circuit Funds, and which are now paid from the Auxiliary Fund, may not, in fairness and equity, be transferred to the Contingent Fund.

(4.) "This Committee learns with great satisfaction that the

generous effort to raise a Fund as an expression of the high esteem in which the Connexion holds the REV. DR. BUNTING and the REV. DR. NEWTON has been promptly and happily completed; that the sum of £7,885. 2s. 8d. has been realized, which it is proposed ultimately to give, in equal portions, to the Worn-Out Ministers' Fund and the Mission Fund; and that the sum of £3,942. 11s. 4d. is now offered to the Treasurers of this Auxiliary Fund, on condition that certain annuities be paid during the lifetime of those on whose behalf the Fund was raised. It is therefore resolved,

"That this Committee strongly participates in those sentiments of personal veneration and regard which have been so generally expressed, and of thankfulness to Almighty God for the honourable and eminently useful lives of these servants of the Lord: it also expresses its cordial thanks to the Committee of the Testimonial Fund, for the assiduity and success with which the proposal has been carried out; and it strongly recommends that the offer now made, on the conditions proposed, be accepted. It further recommends that, should the Conference ratify this agreement, Thomas Farmer, Esq., James Heald, Esq., John Burton, of Roundhay, Esq., and the Rev. John P. Haswell, with the Treasurers and Secretary, be requested to consider in what manner the above sum may be most advantageously invested.

(5.) "The Treasurer read a letter from Joseph Carne, Esq., Penzance, stating that a Lady desired to give the sum of £300 to the Worn-Out Ministers' Fund, upon an annuity for her life; when the Committee approved of the conditions, and agreed to recommend that the offer be gratefully accepted, and that the sum be invested, during the lifetime of the Donor, in such manner as the above-named Committee may judge best.

(6.) "The Rev. John Scott stated that, principally owing to his duties in connexion with the Normal Institution at Westminster, it was his intention to request the Conference to relieve him from his office as one of the Treasurers of this Fund; upon which the Committee expressed their earnest and unanimous desire that, for the present at least, he would continue his services, as Treasurer."

The Conference has learned, with deep regret, that the President, the Rev. John Scott, is compelled, in consequence of numerous public engagements, to resign his office as one of the Treasurers of the Worn-Out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund. In accepting this resignation, the Conference takes the opportunity to place on record its sense of obligation to Mr. Scott, for the invaluable service which, during the last fourteen years, he has rendered, and by which he has so efficiently promoted the successful working of this important department of our Financial System; at the same time it expresses its conviction of the zeal,

ability, and fidelity which he has evinced in the discharge of the varied and responsible duties of his office. In reluctantly yielding to Mr. Scott's wish, the Conference indulges the hope, that though he can no longer fill the onerous duties of Treasurer, he will afford to his successor the benefit of his judgment and counsel.

The cordial thanks of the Conference are specially presented to the numerous friends who, during the year, have made Special Donations for the relief and assistance of the Worn-Out Ministers' Fund. A list of some of these kind Donors has been given in the last Annual Report; and others will be duly published in the Report of the present year.

N.B. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the following Friends of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society, for their benevolent and seasonable donations:—

	£.	s.	d.
Mr. Larder, Louth, by Rev. J. Loutit	5	0	0
A Friend, by the Rev. J. Earnshaw	5	0	0
A Friend, by the Rev. J. P. Haswell.....	8	6	8
Rev. Thomas Collins	20	0	0
Australia, by Rev. Thomas Waugh	10	0	0

The thanks of the Conference are also presented to the Executors who have paid the following legacies:—

	£.	s.	d.
The Executors of the late Mrs. Hannah Burley.....	30	0	0
The Executors of the late Mr. Foulkes (Ireland)	100	0	0

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

Q. XXIII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION?

A. 1. The Conference receives with satisfaction the various Reports which have been furnished by the Local Committees and General Treasurers, and considers them as furnishing occasion for growing satisfaction in the original design and practical results of the Institution, as well as cause for renewed thankfulness to God; and trusts that these results will be regarded by its friends, and by the Connexion at large, as presenting a strong claim for more general and liberal support.

2. The best thanks of the Conference are presented to the President of the Institution, to the Tutors and House-Governors, to the General and Local Treasurers, and to the General and Local Secretaries, for their faithful and efficient services during the past year.

3. JAMES HEALD, Esq., and the REV. JOHN FARRAR, are re-appointed the General Treasurers; THOMAS FARMER, Esq., and P. BRAMES HALL, Esq., the Treasurers of the Southern Branch; JOHN BURTON, Esq., and JOHN D. BURTON, Esq., the Treasurers of the Northern Branch: the REV. JONATHAN CROWTHER is appointed the General Secretary; the REV. ALFRED BARRETT

the Secretary of the Southern Branch; and the REV. ISRAEL HOLGATE the Secretary of the Northern Branch.

4. The Committee for the Special Examination of Candidates for our Ministry shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Tutors and House-Governors of both Branches of the Institution, the Missionary Secretaries, and such other Ministers as may be selected from their own number by the next Annual Meeting of the London District. The REV. ALFRED BARRETT and the REV. THOMAS PENNINGTON are appointed the Secretaries of this Committee.

Q. XXIV. Who are the GENERAL COMMITTEE for the ensuing year?

A. The President and the Secretary of the Conference; the General Treasurers and Secretary; the President of the Institution; the Tutors and House-Governors of both Branches; the Local Treasurers and Secretaries; and the General Secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society.—The Rev. John Mason, the Rev. Frederick J. Jobson, and Messrs. T. Crook and P. Kruse, are requested to act as Auditors; and shall, as such, be Members of the General Committee.

Q. XXV. Who are the LOCAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT for the *Southern* Branch of the Institution?

A. The President of the Conference; the President of the Institution; James Heald, Esq., one of the General Treasurers; Thomas Farmer, and P. Brames Hall, Esqrs., the Local Treasurers; the Local Secretary; the Richmond Tutors and House-Governor; the Secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society; the Book-Steward and Editors; and the following Ministers and Gentlemen:—

Rev. William Barton,
Robert Bentley, Esq.,
Rev. William M. Bunting,
John M. Camplin, Esq.,
Rev. Henry H. Chettle,
John Chubb, Esq.,
Christopher Gabriel, Esq.,
Rev. William D. Goy,
Rev. John Hall,
James Hoby, Esq.,
James Hunter, Esq.,
John Hunter, Esq.,
Rev. Frederick J. Jobson,

Thomas Knight, Esq.,
Mr. Peter Kruse,
Rev. John C. Leppington,
Rev. Peter M'Owan,
Mr. James Nash,
Rev. William Naylor,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
Rev. Charles Prest,
Richard M. Reece, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.,
Rev. Henry W. Williams.

Q. XXVI. Who are the LOCAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT for the *Northern* Branch of the Institution?

A. The President of the Institution; James Heald, Esq., one of the General Treasurers; John Burton, and John D. Burton, Esqrs., the Local Treasurers; the Local Secretary; the Didsbury Tutors and House-Governor; and the following Ministers and Gentlemen:—

Rev. Dr. Alder, *Bradford*,
 Rev. J. Bedford, *Stockport*,
 Richard Bealey, Esq., *Radcliffe*,
 H. Bowman, Esq., *Manchester*,
 T. P. Bunting, Esq., *ditto*,
 Rev. William Burt, *Bolton*,
 W. Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
 C. Cooper, Esq., *Manchester*,
 T. Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 J. Fernley, Esq., *Manchester*,
 J. Fildes, Esq., *ditto*,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 G. Knowles, Esq., *Bolton*,
 Rev. John Lomas, *Manchester*,
 John Lomas, Esq., *ditto*,

Rev. G. Marsden, *Glossop*,
 G. Marsden, Esq., *Manchester*,
 John Mayson, Esq., *ditto*,
 Rev. Dr. Newton, *Southport*,
 Rev. John Rigg, *Macclesfield*,
 Rev. J. Roberts, *Stockport*,
 S. H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 G. Turner, Esq., M.D., *Stockport*,
 A. Vickers, Esq., *Disley*,
 Rev. S. D. Waddy, *Sheffield*,
 Rev. F. A. West, *Liverpool*,
 J. P. Brown Westhead, Esq., M.P.,
Manchester,
 E. Westhead, Esq., *ditto*,
 Peter Wood, Esq., M.D., *ditto*.

EDUCATION.

Q. XXVII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the subject of **WESLEYAN EDUCATION**?

A. 1. The Conference adopts the following Resolutions of the Special Meeting of the Committee of Education, held in Sheffield, on Monday, July 26th, 1852:—

“The Minutes and Proceedings of the Acting Committee in London, and the Treasurers’ Account, having been read, it was resolved,—

(1.) “That this Committee receives with great satisfaction the Report now presented, and especially hails with much pleasure, and with devout thanksgiving to God, the completion of the Normal Institution buildings at Westminster, and the auspicious commencement which has been made in the training of students.

(2.) “That this Committee is gratified to learn that the Treasurers have received so large a proportion of the amount of Subscriptions promised towards the Special Fund commenced at the Annual Meeting held in London, in July, 1850, and generously augmented by that subsequently held in Manchester, in the following month of November; and that the Acting Committee has been so efficiently assisted by most of our respected Chairmen of Districts, and so large a number of other Ministers and friends, in many of the Circuits, in carrying out the Resolution of the Conference which appointed the holding of Meetings in each District and Circuit of the Connexion, for the purpose of raising the above amount, and of placing the educational movement before our people at large.

(3.) “That this Committee regrets to learn that there are still a few Districts and many Circuits in which no Meeting for educational purposes has been held, and in which certainly there are many friends as able and willing to contribute as those who have already subscribed; and respectfully and urgently solicits the Conference again to enforce the Regulation adopted in 1851 in reference to such Districts and Circuits, that the remainder of the

amount contemplated at the Meeting held in Manchester, and now imperatively required, may be forthwith realized.

(4.) "That this Committee offers its congratulations on the Report presented by the Treasurers of the amount received in Subscriptions and Collections made in February and April last, for promoting Wesleyan Day-School Education; from which there is satisfactory reason to expect that the annual expenditure for educational purposes will be provided for.

(5.) "That this Committee congratulates the friends of Wesleyan education in general on the appointment of the REV. JOHN SCOTT to the office of Principal of the Westminster Institution, and expresses its gratitude to Almighty God that He was pleased, in such a juncture, to furnish a Minister so eminently qualified for a charge of such importance, and pledges itself to support him and the Acting Committee in carrying out the objects of the educational movement in the respective localities of the Connexion."

2. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to the President of the Conference, the REV. JOHN SCOTT, Principal of the Normal Institution at Westminster, for the faithful and effective services which he has rendered in that office during the past year.

3. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the Chairman of the Education Committee, to the Treasurers and the Secretaries, and to the Members of the Acting Committee, for the zeal, ability, and fidelity with which they have discharged the duties of their respective departments during the year.

4. JAMES HUNTER, Esq., and the REV. FREDERICK J. JOBSON, are appointed the Treasurers, and the REV. MICHAEL C. TAYLOR is appointed the Secretary, for the ensuing year.

N.B. All communications to be addressed to the REV. MICHAEL C. TAYLOR, *Normal Training Institution, Westminster, London.*

5. The Committee shall consist of the following persons; viz.,—the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Treasurers and Secretary;—

Rev. Alfred Barrett,
— William Barton,
— Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Henry H. Chettle,
— John Hall,
— Samuel Jackson,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— Hugh Jones,
— Joseph Lawton,
— Peter M'OWAN,
— William Naylor,
— George Osborn,
— Charles Prest,
— William H. Rule,

Rev. William L. Thornton;
Mr. Armstrong,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. William Bourne,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
Thomas Gurney, Esq.,
James Heald, Esq.,
James Hoby, Esq.,
George Jerram, Esq.,
Thomas Knight, Esq.,
Mr. P. Kruse,
J. Lidgett, Esq.,
F. Lycett, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.,
J. P. Brown Westhead, Esq., M.P.;—

And, for the Country,

Rev. Dr. Alder,
 — William Bacon,
 — John Bowers,
 — Willson Brailsford,
 — William Burt,
 — Jonathan Crowther,
 — Isaac Denison,
 — Dr. Dixon,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Thomas Dunn,
 — Samuel R. Hall,
 — John P. Haswell,
 — Israel Holgate,
 — William Illingworth,
 — Isaac Keeling,
 — John Lomas,
 — George B. Macdonald,
 — James Methley,
 — Dr. Newton,
 — James Osborn,
 — John C. Pengelly,
 — John Rattenbury,
 — John Rigg,
 — John Stephenson,
 — Thomas Vasey,
 — Samuel D. Waddy,
 — Francis A. West,
 — J. Gilchrist Wilson;
 Robert Abbott, Esq., *Alford*,
 Thomas Barker, Esq., *North-Shields*,
 S. Bennett, Esq., *Bickering's Park*,
 John Bottom, Esq., *Nottingham*,
 J. S. Budgett, Esq., *Kingswood*,
 T. Percival Bunting, Esq., *Manchester*,
 John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,

Joshua Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
 William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
 T. Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 J. B. Falconar, Esq., *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*,
 George Fishwick, Esq., *Garstang*,
 Thomas Garland, Esq., *Redruth*,
 John Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,
 Samuel R. Heeley, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 Thomas Holmes, Esq., *Hull*,
 J. Irving, Esq., *Bristol*,
 Mr. Clarkson Kay, *Bury*,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 George Knowles, Esq., *Bolton*,
 John Mayson, Esq., *Manchester*,
 F. Parnell, Esq., *Manchester*,
 William Peel, Esq., *Bradford*,
 George Sercombe, Esq., *Exeter*,
 William Shipperry, Esq., *Worthing*,
 George Smith, Esq., F.A.S., *Camborne*,
 George Smith, Esq., *Leeds*,
 S. H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 W. Soutter, Esq., *Birmingham*,
 Mr. Jonas Sugden, *Keighley*,
 Thomas Sutcliffe, Esq., *Willow-Hall*,
 Archibald Vickers, Esq., *Disley*,
 Thomas Wade, Esq., *Selby*,
 T. Walker, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
 W. Walker, Esq., *Bradford*,
 H. Walmsley, Esq., *ditto*,
 Ralph Wilson, Esq., *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*,
 Peter Wood, Esq., M.D., *Manchester*.

6. The Conference, being aware of the inconvenience and distress, or even positive failure, which would probably result in cases where any other *item* of importance, beyond the *current expenses* of the School, might be required to be annually provided for, recommends to all Local Committees to aim, in the commencement of their respective undertakings, at having their School Premises entirely free from debt; and, with a view to the securing of this object,—

The Conference directs the parties contemplating the erection of premises (or any expensive alteration or enlargement of premises already erected) for the establishment of *new* Schools, to communicate,—*First*, With the Education Committee, for the purpose of receiving suitable counsel as to the general eligibility of their projected undertaking, and the adaptation of the premises to the system of instruction designed to be adopted; and, *Secondly*, With the Chapel-Building Committee, for the purpose of receiving

such advice and assistance, in regard to the proposed building-plans and estimates, as the experience of that Committee may enable them to give.

7. The following Ministers and Friends are particularly invited to attend a Special Meeting of the above-named Education Committee, which will be held in Bradford, at nine o'clock, A.M., on Monday, July 25th, 1853; viz.,—

Rev. William Allen, 1st,
 — Hugh Beech,
 — Corbett Cooke,
 — Joseph Cusworth,
 — Henry Davies,
 — Thomas Eastwood,
 — Joseph Hargreaves,
 — Thomas Harris,
 — John Hobson,
 — George Jackson,
 — Robert Jackson,
 — William Lord,
 — Robert M. MacBrair, M.A.,
 — George Marsden,
 — George Scott, 1st,
 — William Smith, 1st,
 — Samuel Tindal,
 — Edward Walker;
 Benjamin Agar, Esq., *York*,
 Mr. Henry John Atkinson, *Hull*,
 Richard Bealey, Esq., *Bury*,
 Mr. Beet, *Sheffield*,
 Mr. W. J. Beet, *Sheffield*,
 T. Branson, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 J. Carne, Esq., *Penzance*,
 John Carr, Esq., *Brighton*,
 James Chadwick, Esq., *York*,
 Francis Colley, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 Thomas Cope, Esq., *Barnsley*,
 Mr. Christopher Dove, *Leeds*,
 John Dawson, Esq., *Bacup*,
 W. Dyson, Esq., *Howden*,

Mr. Ellis Eyre, *Sheffield*,
 John Fernley, Esq., *Manchester*,
 Mr. W. Firth, *Bradford*,
 W. Haigh, Esq., *Bradford*,
 J. Hodgson, Esq., *Rotherham*,
 W. B. Holdsworth, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Mr. Thomas Holmes, *Bradford*,
 Robert Hardy, Esq., *Hull*,
 Mr. John Jones, *Sheffield*,
 Edward Joy, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Mr. Joseph Leather, *Liverpool*,
 J. Lofthouse, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 J. Marshall, Esq., *Stockport*,
 George Morley, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Mr. Joseph Newham, *Hull*,
 Mr. Thomas Newsam, *Leeds*,
 Mr. Thomas Newton, *Sheffield*,
 Mr. Rhodes, *Bradford*,
 H. Richardson, Esq., *Barnsley*,
 Mr. Alderman Richardson, *Leeds*,
 Richard Ripley, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Mr. Selby, *Bradford*,
 William Skinner, Esq., *Stockton*,
 William Smith, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Mr. Tillotson, *Bradford*,
 William Turner, Esq., *Derby*,
 George Turner, Esq., M.D., *Stockport*,
 John Twibell, Esq., *Barnsley*,
 Archibald Vickers, Esq., *Daisy*,
 Richard Walker, Esq., *Stockton*,
 T. Wheatley, Esq., *Rotherham*,
 Mr. George Wilkinson, *Hull*.

N.B. The Education Committee is empowered to invite to this Meeting any other Friends who take part in the support and extension of our Day-School system.

CATECHUMEN CLASSES AND PASTORAL CARE OF THE YOUNG.

Q. XXVIII. What does the Conference determine on the subject of CATECHUMEN CLASSES, and PASTORAL CARE OF THE YOUNG?

A. 1. The following Ministers are appointed a Committee for the general direction of this effort:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference;

Rev. Samuel Jackson, *Convener*,
 Joseph Richardson, Esq., *Park-Square, Leeds, Treasurer*,
 Rev. Robert Jackson, *Secretary*,
 — James Allen, 2d,
 — William Allen, 1st,
 — Willson Brailsford,
 — Hugh Carter,
 — James Carr,
 — Thomas P. Clarke,
 — William H. Clarkson,
 — Samuel W. Christophers,
 — James Cooke, 1st,
 — John Dowty,
 — Thomas Harris,
 — Peter C. Horton,
 — Joseph Hargreaves,

Rev. John Hearnshaw,
 — Edward Jones, 2d,
 — William Kelk,
 — John H. Lord,
 — James Loutit,
 — Alexander M'Aulay,
 — Roger Moore,
 — Thomas S. Monkhouse,
 — Robert Newstead,
 — James H. Rigg,
 — George Scott, 1st,
 — Gervase Smith,
 — James Sutcliff,
 — Charles Westlake,
 — James Wood,
 — Abraham Watmough,
 — J. Gilchrist Wilson.

N.B. (1.) Those friends who have inquiries to make, or suggestions to offer, are directed to communicate with the REV. SAMUEL JACKSON.

(2.) MR. JACKSON has authority to receive subscriptions towards the support of a Catechist in France, and for the advancement of this work in England.

2. The Book-Committee is instructed to prepare a List of Select Scriptural Lessons, two for each week, properly dated, for the use of Schools, Families, and Catechumen Classes, during the year 1853. The List shall be printed in such a manner as to form a small, neat book; and provision be made at the commencement for the insertion of the names of the Catechumen, Circuit, and Minister.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Q. XXIX. What Resolutions does the Conference adopt in reference to the RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH?

A. 1. The Conference has heard with satisfaction the Report of the Proceedings of the Sabbath Committee; and presents its thanks to the REV. R. NEWSTEAD, and the REV. P. M'OWAN, the Secretaries, for their services during the year.

2. The following Ministers are appointed the Committee for the year ensuing:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference;

Rev. Dr. Alder,
 — Alfred Barrett,
 — William Barton,
 — Jonathan Crowther,
 — Thomas Jackson,
 — Robert M. MacBrair,
 — Peter M'OWAN,

Rev. William Naylor,
 — Robert Newstead,
 — Charles Prest,
 — William H. Rule,
 — William L. Thornton,
 — Francis A. West.

N.B. Messrs. NEWSTEAD and M'OWAN are re-appointed Secretaries of this Committee.

3. The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Conference, on the subject of the proposed opening of "The Crystal Palace" on the Lord's day:—

(1.) The Conference, having been informed that it is intended to remove the building erected for the "Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations" to a short distance from London, and to re-open it as a place of public amusement, to which admission may be had on the Lord's day, deems it right to express its deep disapprobation of the project, so far as relates to the contemplated use of the building on the Lord's day, and its earnest hope and desire that Her Majesty's Government will on no account consent to the proposal.

(2.) Such a project the Conference earnestly deprecates, inasmuch as it would necessarily involve much additional Sunday labour and traffic in connexion with the Exhibition itself, with the railways, and with the supply of refreshments to visitors; would present to many persons, especially in the humbler ranks of life, an inducement to desecrate the hours which should be devoted to holy pleasures and employments; and by adding to the already fearful amount of the "evil" that is "done in the land," in profaning the Lord's day, would still further provoke the just displeasure of the "Lord of the Sabbath."

(3.) The Conference repudiates the imputations which some promoters of this measure cast upon its opponents, of being desirous unduly to interfere with the convictions of others, and particularly with the healthful recreations of the working classes. In maintaining the authority and obligations of the Divine law, it is endeavouring to secure the welfare of the entire community, which must eventually suffer in proportion as Christian morality declines; and especially of that class who, because of the necessary severity of their weekly toil, require to be fully protected in the enjoyment of the appointed weekly rest. To increase the demand for Sunday labour is a gross injustice to the working classes at large, which is not at all excused by the plea that some of them will avail themselves of the facilities thus afforded for the pursuit of health, or of scientific knowledge. The Conference is fully persuaded that the elevation of the people will be most effectually promoted by the knowledge and practice of true religion; and, even supposing it possible that good results should follow evil conduct, Christians are forbidden to do evil that good may come. "The Sabbath was made for man," that he might, in the opportunities which it was mercifully designed to supply, secure those highest interests with the advancement of which his mental improvement and temporal comfort are alike connected; and *they* are not the friends, but the enemies, of humanity, who, under whatever pretext, would divert the day to lower uses, and occupy it with secular cares, or with secular pleasures.

(4.) The Conference regards this proposal with greater dis-

satisfaction and regret, because the attempt is thereby made to take advantage of circumstances which have been of a most gratifying character, to promote an unworthy and even mischievous object. The building in which the Great Exhibition of 1851 was held has become an object of great celebrity, not merely for the novelty and beauty of its construction, but in connexion with the prosperous course and happy termination of the undertaking for which it was erected. The Conference commemorates with gratitude the solemn public acknowledgment of Almighty God with which that Exhibition opened and closed; and discovers in the large amount of peaceful, unalloyed, and improving enjoyment which it yielded, the blessing of the Most High bestowed in answer to prayer. It would deplore that a building with which these pleasing associations are connected should become, in the hands of a trading company, an instrument of public demoralization; and that the Giver of all good should be dishonoured in a place where He had previously received the homage of the nation at the hands of the Sovereign, and of the chief dignitaries in Church and State.

(5.) That a Memorial embodying these sentiments be addressed to the Right Honourable the Earl of Derby, signed by the President and the Secretary, on behalf of the Conference, with the prayer that Her Majesty's Ministers will not consent to grant a Charter of Incorporation to the Crystal Palace Company, except upon conditions which will secure the due observance of the Lord's day.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Q. XXX. What is the decision of the Conference on the Report of the Committee appointed last year, "carefully to examine the principal suggestions contained in the Memorials and other communications, as well as those put forth in the Declaration of the Manchester Meeting?"

A. 1. The Conference approves and confirms the following Resolutions, which the Committee adopted "by way of preamble to its Report:"—

1. The Committee, previously to its entering on the consideration of these communications and suggestions, feels itself bound, by the solemn and lately-affirmed Declaratory Resolutions of the Conference, to *except* from such consideration all suggestions manifestly contravening any of the three great principles avowed in those Resolutions; namely, the integrity of the *Pastoral Office*,—the inviolability of the *Connexional Principle*,—and the authority of *District Committees*.

In particular,—

2. In conformity with the obligation imposed by the *first* of these three principles, and with reference to certain suggestions contained in some of the Memorials and other communications, the Committee feels itself to be pre-

cluded from entertaining any proposal which would go to transfer, altogether or in part, the responsibility of the *sentences* in disciplinary cases, from the Pastorate to Lay-Officers, whether in a Leaders'-Meeting or elsewhere. In any case, to adopt such a course of procedure would be to give up a principle which, in the judgment of the Conference, is essentially inherent in the Pastoral Office. For, according to the New Testament, the Ministers of Christ who are made by Him the *Pastors* of His church, are charged, in the most solemn terms, to "feed the flock of God, taking the oversight thereof;" are described as "having the rule over" God's people; are required to "rule well" their "own house;" "for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (1 Tim. iii. 5;) and are expressly commanded to "reject" offenders "after the first and second admonition;"—and all this in order that they may render the final account of their stewardship "with joy, and not with grief." Should a Leaders'-Meeting, by its vote, determine the sentence, the Minister presiding would, in most cases, be little more than the mere organ of the Meeting in matters in which, nevertheless, he feels himself under a peculiar responsibility to the great Head of the church. That peculiar responsibility, except on the extreme and (to a Wesleyan Minister) inadmissible theory of making the authority of the Pastor simply co-ordinate with that of Leaders and other Lay-Officers, cannot be supposed to rest in anything like an equal degree on any other Member of the Leaders' or other Local Meeting; and the obligations which it involves cannot be otherwise discharged than in conjunction with the right, on the part of the Pastor, of exercising an authority commensurate with that responsibility. On the same principle, in all cases of appeal from Circuit authorities, the responsibility, and consequently the determination, of the sentence, must of necessity be with the collective Pastorate of the District, and ultimately with the Conference, as the collective Pastorate of the Connexion.

3. By the *second* of these principles in conjunction with the *first*, the Committee is restrained from giving any countenance to proposals for "establishing, especially as it regards disciplinary matters, the absolute local independency, either of single Societies, or Circuits, or Districts," all such proposals involving principles which, taken in their natural working and necessary consequences, amount virtually to nothing less than a suggestion for the abandonment of our Connexional system.

4. By the *third* of these principles, in connexion with the *first* and *second*, the Committee deems itself to be restrained from encouraging any attempt to interfere either with the constitution or the jurisdiction of *Ordinary* District-Committees, as recognised by the regulations of the Conference, and the established practice of the Connexion. With respect to *Special* District-Meetings, the Committee feels itself to be under similar restraint; the Conference of 1850 having shown that "this method of procedure necessarily grows out of the Scriptural principles which the Conference has adopted as the basis of its Pastoral authority, and the ecclesiastical order which is essential to us as a Connexion, and which have therefore been uniformly acted on;" and having declared that it is resolved to adhere to this practice *on important occasions*, "not only as being necessary to the due maintenance of our Connexional discipline, but also as furnishing to the *People* (as well as to the *Ministers*) one of the strongest and most availing securities they can possess, against the hazard to which Laymen, as well as Ministers, may often be exposed, of suffering from the undue pressure of local partialities, or local prejudice and irritation."

5. With these exceptions, imposed by the settled principles of the Connexion, it is the earnest wish of the Committee to consider the suggestions laid before it, by Memorials or otherwise, in the spirit of Christian candour and affection; and to recommend to the Conference such modifications of our economy and discipline as may be shown to be consistent with those principles, and likely to conduce to the general benefit of the Connexion.

2. The Conference, having carefully considered the proposals of the Committee, enacts the following Regulations:—

I.—Definition of Quarterly Meetings.

Considering that *there is a very general desire expressed in the Memorials* referred to the Committee, that the proper constitution of a Quarterly Meeting should be defined; and considering further the desirableness of precluding in future such debate and contention as have occasionally arisen from the uncertainty existing on this subject; the Conference hereby declares that the following parties, and no others, shall be formally recognised as Members of the Quarterly Meeting; namely,—

1. All the Ministers and Preachers on trial in the Circuit, and the Supernumeraries whose names appear in the printed Minutes of the Conference.
2. The Circuit-Stewards, all the Society-Stewards, and the Poor-Stewards.
3. All the Class-Leaders in the Circuit.
4. All the Local Preachers of three years' continuous standing, after having been twelve months on trial; they being resident Members of Society in the Circuit.
5. All the Trustees of Chapels situate in places named on the Circuit-Plan; such Trustees being resident Members of Society in the Circuit.

The Conference further recommends,—

1. The immediate adoption of this Plan for the constitution of the Quarterly Meeting in those Circuits in which it can be introduced in a peaceful and satisfactory manner.—N.B. It is not designed that the adoption of this Plan should have the effect of excluding any Local Preacher who, though not yet of the standing therein required, is already, according to local usage, a Member of the Quarterly Meeting.
2. In Circuits in which this Plan may not be at once adopted, it is, nevertheless, enjoined that all new Members brought into the Quarterly Meeting be introduced according to its provisions.

II.—Regulations concerning Memorials to the Conference.

Although persuaded that much undue prejudice has been created against the Regulations concerning the Special Meeting *for the purpose of memorializing the Conference on Connexional subjects*, which were enacted in 1835, the Conference, nevertheless, deems those Regulations susceptible of being improved by modifications connecting them with the June Quarterly Meeting, as now defined; and, being desirous to provide for the free access of Circuits to the Conference, when any matters arise which they regard as of sufficient importance to become the subjects of Memorial, the Conference adopts, instead of the Minutes of 1835 *on this subject*, the following regulations; namely,—

1. That should a majority of the June Quarterly Meeting, in any Circuit, constituted according to the preceding definition, be of opinion that it is desirable to address to the Conference a Memorial on any Connexional subject, and agree to do so, that Meeting itself, subject to the Regulations which follow, shall have authority to adopt and transmit to the Conference such a Memorial;

and at such Meeting any Member thereof may propose, for consideration, the propriety of addressing a Memorial to the Conference.

2. That not less than ten days previously to the June Quarterly Meeting, a copy in writing shall be given to the Superintendent, of the particular Motion or Resolution which any Member of the Quarterly Meeting intends to propose as the basis of a Memorial to the Conference; and no proposal, of which such notice has not been given, shall be brought forward that year. But, should the Quarterly Meeting adopt the *substance* or *principle* of a Resolution so brought forward, it may amend, as well as simply adopt or reject, it.

3. A Memorial, founded on such Motion or Resolution, if approved by a majority of the persons present, shall be signed by them individually within a week afterwards. It shall then remain with the Superintendent, who shall be responsible for its delivery to the President of the ensuing Conference, on or before the second day of its session. All Memorials thus received by the Conference shall be referred to a Committee of its Members; who shall carefully examine, consider, and classify the whole, and present their Report thereon to the Conference.

With regard to the *subjects* of such Memorials, the Conference cannot entertain any proposals which are of a manifestly revolutionary character, or subversive of that system of doctrine or discipline which has been confided to it as a sacred deposit by Mr. Wesley, and which, as it believes, has also been committed to its keeping by the providence and grace of God; neither can it sanction such Memorials as involve a direct interference on the part of one Circuit with the local affairs or proceedings of any other Circuit.

III.—*Provision, in lieu of the Minor District-Meeting, for certain Extraordinary Cases.*

Considering that, the proper constitution of a Quarterly Meeting having been defined, not only will the doubt and uncertainty in which that subject has hitherto remained be obviated, and some disputes, subversive of the order and of the effective working of Quarterly Meetings, be precluded, but a suitable and convenient substitute has also been thereby obtained for the Circuit Memorial-Meeting; and, at the same time, without the uncertainty and hazard necessarily involved in the operation of *any new kind of Meeting*, an existing and constitutional Meeting may thus be interposed as a guard against anything like a precipitate interposition of the District-Committee, when a Superintendent feels himself constrained to complain that he is "obstructed in his pastoral duties by the prevalence of a contumacious and factious spirit:" and also an appropriate and useful *provision may be afforded for the re-hearing of a difficult case*, after a verdict of a Leaders'-Meeting shall have been given, and *before the Superintendent shall be allowed to appeal to the District-Committee.*

Considering that one of the Regulations of 1835 provides that a Superintendent may appeal from the majority of a Leaders'-Meeting to a *Minor District-Meeting*, when "complaining of any Leaders'-Meeting for refusing to act its constitutional part, or for acting it factiously or in contradiction to law and evidence, in the trial of an accused Member" or local Officer, or for giving "a verdict notoriously inconsistent with the *facts proved*, and

with the plain and obvious meaning, and the general or specific regulations, of the laws of God, or of our own body, as applicable to these facts,—or as even, in certain conceivable cases, refusing to give any verdict at all,”—thereby “preventing, by an abuse of their constitutional functions, the exercise of that discipline which Christ has commanded, and for which He has made the Ministers of His church responsible to Himself;”—

Considering also that, in several of the Memorials and other communications, it is requested that, *so far as it relates to the Superintendent's privilege of appealing to a Minor District-Meeting*, that Regulation of 1835 may be altered;—

The Conference, after long and careful deliberation, agrees that, *instead of such appeal by the Superintendent to a Minor District-Meeting*, as is provided by the Minutes of 1835, (under the title “Expulsion of Members,” Vol. VII., p. 582,)—and *before an appeal be made to the Pastorate of the District*,—a *second trial* shall take place within the Circuit. And, while objecting, on principle, to invest the Quarterly Meeting with the power of *final* decision in cases of discipline, the Conference enacts,—

1. That when such a case as the preceding paragraphs describe shall occur, the Superintendent shall be authorized to require a *re-hearing by a Special Circuit-Meeting*, consisting of not more than twelve Lay Members of the Quarterly Meeting, as herein-before defined, to be chosen *for the occasion* by that Meeting, in such manner as it may deem proper.

2. That at such Special Circuit-Meeting the Chairman of the District shall preside; or, in case of unavoidable absence, shall appoint some other Minister of the District to preside in his place.

3. That the Meeting thus constituted shall have full power to re-hear the case.

4. That if, on such re-hearing, the accused party (whether a Leader, Local Preacher, Trustee, or other local Officer, or Member of Society without any office) be found guilty by the verdict of the Special Circuit-Meeting, the case shall then be left in the hands of the Pastorate; and the Superintendent be empowered, after advising with the Chairman and his own colleagues, to remove the party so convicted, from the Society, or to administer any other measure of discipline which may be deemed sufficient.

5. That, if the party so tried by the Special Circuit-Meeting be dissatisfied with the *sentence* of the Superintendent, he shall have the right of appeal, *first*, to the Annual District-Meeting, and afterwards, if still dissatisfied, to the Conference.

6. The Leaders'-Meeting and the Special Circuit-Meeting for re-hearing are entitled to declare, by their *verdict*, whether the facts alleged are, or are not, proved to their satisfaction; and whether, in their opinion, those facts are violations “of the Laws of God, or of our own Body.” And the *verdict* of a Meeting for re-hearing is not to be reversed, unless a Special District-Meeting or the Conference interpose, and deem that justice requires such reversal.

7. In most instances it is highly probable that a verdict which, from any cause, may have been given by a Leaders'-Meeting “in contradiction to law and evidence,” will, on a *re-hearing* of the case by a Special Circuit-Meeting, appointed by the Quarterly Meeting, be corrected. But should the result unhappily show that the spirit of faction, or any other misleading influence, so extensively prevails in the Circuit as to prevent the ordinary administration of godly discipline, in such case it is to be understood that the Superintendent

retains the right of appeal to the collective Pastorate of the District; and that the District-Committee may then interpose by virtue of the powers with which it was originally invested in 1791, and which from that time it has exercised in great emergencies, and may adopt such measures (disciplinary or otherwise) as it may deem necessary to meet the "critical case" in question, [Min., 1791, Vol. I., p. 241,] and to maintain discipline and order in the disturbed Circuit "till the meeting of the next Conference, when the Chairman of the Committee shall lay the Minutes of its proceedings before the Conference." [Ibid.]

8. Should the Quarterly Meeting refuse to appoint a Special Meeting to re-hear the case, or should the persons appointed refuse to give any verdict, the Superintendent may, at once, appeal, in the usual form, to the District-Committee.

Considering that objections have been urged against the Minor District-Meeting as a Court of Appeal for a Member, or local Officer, who has been proceeded against for *factionous conduct*, the Conference resolves,—

9. That a Member or local Officer of the Society who, by the verdict of a Leaders'-Meeting, is found guilty of *factionous conduct*, may (as well as the Superintendent) claim a *re-hearing* by such Special Circuit-Meeting, if he give notice of his wish to do so, within the seven days which, according to Rule,* are to intervene before the sentence be pronounced. If such notice be given, the Superintendent shall be required to take the necessary steps for the appointment of a Special Circuit-Meeting; and the sentence shall be postponed until after that Meeting shall have given its verdict. Should the Special Circuit-Meeting confirm the previous verdict of the Leaders'-Meeting, and a *sentence of expulsion* be consequently pronounced by the Superintendent, (after consulting with the Chairman of the District and his own colleagues,) the excluded party may appeal against the *sentence* to the Annual District-Meeting; and, if still dissatisfied, to the Conference.

10. Whether the party objecting to a verdict of a Leaders'-Meeting be the Superintendent or the person accused, the application of the *Provision for a re-hearing*, by a Special Circuit-Meeting, is to be strictly limited to such cases of *factionous conduct* as "may possibly arise in seasons of peculiar excitement," [Min., Vol. VII., p. 582,] and as are described in the second paragraph of the preamble of this section. And, further, the same Provision, while modifying the Superintendent's privilege of calling for the interposition of the District Pastorate, in such cases as are herein-before specified, is not to be understood as at all affecting the visitatorial power of the Chairman of the District, and the constitutional right of the District-Committee to interpose its authority for the due maintenance of our discipline in a disturbed Society or Circuit. On the contrary, such power and right remain entire, in full and undiminished force, notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations.

N.B. The regulation† by which the Conference, in 1835, gave to a Member or local Officer the right of appeal, in *ordinary* cases, to a *Minor* District-Meeting, against a *sentence of expulsion*, pronounced by the Superintendent, after the verdict of a Leaders'-Meeting, remains unaltered by this provision for *extraordinary cases*.‡

* Minutes of 1835, Vol. VII., p. 581, "No sentence of expulsion," &c.

† The Regulation referred to above occurs in Minutes, Vol. VII., p. 581, and is as follows; namely,—

"As it is readily admitted that the appeal to the full District-Committee, or to the Conference, may possibly be found, practically, too inconvenient to admit of a sufficiently prompt and easy application, except in cases of extraordinary interest and importance, the Conference now agrees and resolves, That the *principle* of the

IV.—*Regulation in reference to Offences against the Scriptural Law of Peace.*

By the preceding Regulations, the Conference considers that all reasonable facilities are provided, not only for the fair and equitable administration of discipline, as affecting the Officers and Members of our Society, but also for communication with itself, on any matter of personal or local grievance, or on subjects of general interest to the Connexion; and that, consequently, all pretext for factious agitation is entirely precluded. Under these circumstances, such agitation, if hereafter practised by persons in connexion with us, will become a greatly aggravated offence, not only against the conventional law of the Connexion, and the great apostolic law of *decency and order*, but also against the supreme Christian law of *unity and peace*, as laid down in the Holy Scriptures, and as set forth in the Minutes of Conference for 1835, Vol. VII., pp. 583—586.

With reference to parties who may hereafter be found guilty of this grave and mischievous offence, the Conference, therefore, *substitutes* for the Regulation of 1796, (Min., Vol. I., p. 347, Q. 29,) the following Rule:—

If any local Officer or Member of our Society shall be found endeavouring to create or encourage dissension and strife in his own or in any other Circuit, or addicting himself to injurious railing against either the doctrine, or the discipline, or the Ministers of the Connexion; the person so offending shall be admonished by the Superintendent of the error of his ways; and, if he still persist in his offence, shall, after trial in the usual form, if this be demanded, be put away from the Society.

V.—*The Trial of a Trustee.*

The Conference enacts the following Explanatory Regulation respecting the Trial of a Trustee:—

That it has become expedient, if not necessary, that the Rule for the trial of a Trustee, contained in "*the Agreement with the Trustees of Bristol, in 1794*,"* to the effect, that "no Trustee (however accused, or defective in conforming to the established Rules of the Society) shall be removed from the Society, unless his crime or breach of the Rules of the Society be proved in

Rule of 1793, (see Minutes, Vol. I., p. 277,) respecting the appointment of *Minor District-Committees* in the case of Preachers, shall be extended also to the case of all excluded Members, who choose to avail themselves of its provisions. An excluded person shall, therefore, have the right of selecting *any two* Preachers of the District to which his Circuit belongs; and the Superintendent shall select *two other* such Preachers; and these four, with the Chairman of the District, (or if it happen that the Chairman is himself the Superintendent whose act is impugned, then some other Preacher to be chosen by the four other members as their Chairman *pro tempore*,) shall meet in some convenient place, and shall have the power of modifying, reversing, or confirming the sentence against which such appeal shall be made. Their decision shall, in such case, be binding on all parties, unless subsequently altered, on further appeal, by the full District-Committee, or by the Conference."

* See Minutes, Vol. I., p. 300; and also Form of Discipline, p. 50, sect. vii., edition 1850.

the presence of the Trustees and Leaders," should be authoritatively defined, for the purpose of removing uncertainty as to the proper application of that Rule in cases in which the accused parties are Trustees of *two or more* Chapels.

That it would be extremely difficult to secure the due exercise of discipline on an offending Trustee, were the Leaders to be so greatly outnumbered, as would often be the case, should *all* the Trustees of *all* the Chapels of which himself might also be a Trustee be incorporated with the Leaders'-Meeting on his trial.

That it is evident that the Conference, in framing that Rule, intended that only *one* set of Trustees should be associated with the Leaders'-Meeting on the trial of a Trustee: for, in the following year, 1795, when, in its "*Articles of Agreement for General Pacification*,"* it referred again to the trial of a Trustee (among other parties) in certain specified cases, it expressly provided that his trial should take place before the Leaders and Stewards of the Society which had been disturbed by his agitating proceedings, and the Trustees of that *one* Chapel with which the Society so disturbed was connected; and declared that, should the Meeting, thus constituted, find him guilty, the Superintendent Preacher should expel him from the Society.

The Conference therefore declares that the Rule of 1794, providing for the trial of a Trustee, is to be interpreted in the spirit of the subsequent Regulation of 1795 on the same subject; and that the trial of a Trustee before the Leaders'-Meeting of the particular Society of which he is a member, together with the Trustees of the Chapel with which that Society is connected, being themselves Members of the Society, shall be considered and held to be a legal trial, according to the aforesaid Regulation of 1794.

As it is evident from the practical interpretation of the Rule of 1794, adopted shortly after its enactment, that it was not intended to remove Trustees from under the jurisdiction of the District-Committee, the Conference further declares that a Trustee or Trustees may be removed from the Society, as well as any other local Officer or Officers, or Members of the Society, by the authority and direction of the District-Committee, whenever a District-Committee may be required to interfere with the local affairs of any disturbed Society.

VI.—*Expulsion of Members.*

With regard to expulsion of Members from the Society, the Conference recognises the Rule of 1797, (Min., Vol. I., p. 375,) together with the section under this title in the Minutes of 1835, (Vol. VII., p. 578,) as the *standing regulations* to be faithfully observed on all *ordinary occasions*.

But the Conference resolves,—

1. That when a class is visited by a Minister for the renewal of tickets, and such offensive and disorderly language or conduct is voluntarily obtruded by a Member present, as in the judgment of the Minister may render it highly improper for him to renew the ticket of that Member until after private conversation with him, the Minister may delay the renewal of the ticket accordingly. And if the result of such private conversation should be unsatisfactory, the Minister may still retain the ticket, if he judge it right so to do: but, *in that case*, he shall inform the person concerned that he *may demand a trial at a Leaders'-Meeting*; and shall also report the case, *first*, to the next Weekly Meeting of the Ministers of the Circuit, and *then* to the Leaders'-Meeting of that Society to which the party belongs.

2. Respecting a proposal of the Lay Friends bearing on this subject, see Q. XXXII., p. 118.

* See Minutes, Vol. I., p. 325, Art. 8.

VII.—*September Quarterly Meetings.*

The Conference resolves,—

1. That in the Regulation of 1797,* respecting “any new Rule for the Societies at large,” the words “*in conjunction with the Preachers*” be withdrawn.
2. That the Superintendents be directed to *read*, to the first Quarterly Meeting after each Conference, “any new Rule for the Societies at large.”

VIII.—*Manual of Connexional Laws and Regulations.*

After an extended consideration of this important subject, the Conference resolves,—

1. That the Collection of Rules at present appended to the Class-Books be revised and enlarged, so as to furnish a *convenient Manual*, for the use of the Officers and Members of our Societies.
2. The following Ministers are appointed a Committee for this purpose, who shall report to the next Conference:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, Revs. Dr. Bunting, Dr. Beecham, Thomas Jackson, Isaac Keeling, Jonathan Crowther, William Barton, George Osborn, William L. Thornton, William H. Rule; with power to add to their number.

PASTORAL VISITATION.

Q. XXXI. What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting PASTORAL VISITATION?

A. 1. The Conference has received the Report of the Memorial Committee on this subject, and, recognising its great and growing importance, has bestowed upon it a lengthened and careful consideration. It gratefully appreciates the Christian feeling of the Lay Friends who met in London in March last, and of others who have addressed to it communications relating to pastoral visitation, evincing their desire, in order to the promotion of personal godliness, to receive more frequent pastoral visits from their Ministers, and sincerely reciprocates their affectionate solicitude.

2. The Conference, having in former years dwelt at length on this ministerial duty in its printed Minutes, does not at present deem it necessary to enact any new and additional Regulations. But it directs that the former Minutes relating thereto, and par-

* The following is the Rule referred to:—

“It is determined, that if at any time the Conference see it necessary to make any new rule for the Societies at large, and such rule should be objected to, at the first Quarterly Meeting in any given Circuit; and if the major part of that Meeting, in conjunction with the Preachers, be of opinion, that the enforcing of such rule in that Circuit will be injurious to the prosperity of that Circuit; it shall not be enforced in opposition to the judgment of such Quarterly Meeting, before the second Conference. But, if the rule be confirmed by the second Conference, it shall be binding to the whole Connexion. Nevertheless, the Quarterly Meetings, rejecting a new rule, shall not, by publications, public meetings, or otherwise, make that rule a cause of contention; but shall strive, by every means, to preserve the peace of the Connexion.” (Minutes, Vol. I., p. 376, sec. vii.)

ticularly those of 1847, shall be forthwith reprinted in a separate form, and a copy sent to every Minister and Preacher on Trial.

3. It is further directed, that at the adjourned Meeting of the September District-Committee, this subject shall receive the special attention of the Ministers, with a view to promote the more efficient and successful discharge of their acknowledged duty.

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

Q. XXXII. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting the proposal made by the friends who, at the invitation of the President, met in London in March last, to the effect "that a member refusing to pay the usual contributions to the Society (except on the plea of poverty) is thereby disqualified for membership;" and that any person persisting in such refusal for three months "should be deemed to have excluded himself?"

A. 1. The conduct of many persons in different parts of the country during the last three years, in systematically refusing to support the Ministry of whose labours they nevertheless claimed to take the full advantage, and endeavouring to lead others to adopt a similar course, has been regarded by the Conference, as by the sound and loyal portion of the Societies, with the strongest feelings of disapprobation. It has been felt that this was a violation of the simplest dictates of honesty and honour, which ought not to have been so much as named among those who professed to defer to the authority of the New Testament. The injustice of such a course was greatly aggravated by the fact, that ours is a Connexional Ministry, supported by common funds; so that the refusal of one person or Society to perform its duty, necessarily imposes a greater burden on others. The Conference, therefore, cannot be surprised that those who have been at once witnesses of this unrighteous conduct, and sufferers by it in their several localities, should mark their disapprobation of it in the most signal manner. The feeling in which the proposal now under consideration originated, and which secured for it the unanimous and hearty approval of the Meeting held in March, is deemed by the Conference most legitimate and praiseworthy.

2. The duty of Christians to contribute, according to their ability, to the support of their Ministers, rests upon the most obvious principles of justice. To withhold the "hire" of "the labourer," or to avail ourselves of services which we refuse to recompense, can never be reconciled with rendering "unto all their due." But the labourer "in the word and doctrine" is not left to the general operation of the principles of justice and equity. He is directed by the Head of the church to separate himself from secular cares and pursuits, and to give his undivided attention to the work and office of the ministry; and, having done so,

he is recognised in the Scriptures of the New Testament as being entitled to the just consideration of those to whose welfare his life is devoted. Hence it is commanded, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate to him that teacheth in all good things." (Gal. vi. 6.) And St. Paul expressly assures us, that "so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." (1 Cor. ix. 14.) This Divine appointment has been recognised in the system of Methodism from an early period. Its Preachers were forbidden to follow trades, or otherwise to addict themselves to temporal pursuits, in order that they might give themselves wholly to their proper work of saving souls. (Minutes, 1768, Vol. I., pp. 77, 78.) And the people were charged with the duty of contributing to their maintenance. In 1782 it was declared that this was the *original Rule* of the Society, that every member should contribute, unless in extreme poverty. The Superintendents were charged to put an end to the "shameful neglect" of this Rule which had existed in many Circuits; and it was declared that a person who did not increase his contributions according to the increase of his ability, was unworthy to continue a member. (Minutes, Vol. I., pp. 159, 160.) Six years afterwards it was enjoined on the Superintendents to be particularly careful to "enforce the existing Rules." Similar regulations have been adopted in successive years, as circumstances required, particularly in 1806, (Minutes, Vol. II., p. 346,) in 1809, (Vol. III., p. 91,) and in 1812. (Ibid, p. 295.) These repeated and explicit enactments appear to render any further legislation on the subject unnecessary.

3. The principles embodied in the Resolutions above referred to are deemed by the Conference to be in accordance both with sound reason and holy Scripture; and it determines by all proper means still to maintain them. But it entertains an earnest hope that, by God's blessing, the spirit of faction may subside, so as to render it unnecessary to do more at present than to direct that in future editions of the Rules of the Society, and in the proposed Manual of the Connexional Laws, these Principles and Regulations shall be briefly and comprehensively stated.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Thanks to the late President and the Secretary.* Resolved unanimously, (1.) That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the late President, the REV. JOHN HANNAH, D.D., for the eminently able, judicious, and faithful manner in which, during a year of extraordinary Connexional trial, he has fulfilled his important duties, both at the sittings of the last Conference, and subsequently, on several occasions, in conducting proceedings of critical difficulty and great moment.

(2.) Resolved unanimously, That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the REV. JOHN FARRAR, for his very able and highly acceptable services as the Secretary of the Conference

2. *Official Sermon and Charge.* Resolved unanimously, (1.) That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ex-President, the REV. DR. HANNAH, for the eloquent, impressive, and seasonable Sermon on the nature of the Pastoral Office, and the responsibilities connected with it, which he delivered by appointment on the morning of Monday, August 2d; and that he be requested to prepare it for early publication, in order that it may be circulated among our people to the widest possible extent.

(2.) That the request of the newly-ordained Ministers to be favoured, through the press, with a copy of the excellent and appropriate Charge which, in the course of his official duty, was addressed to them by the late President, DR. HANNAH, be affectionately commended to his kind attention.

3. Resolved unanimously, That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the President, the REV. JOHN SCOTT, for the impressive and highly appropriate Sermon which, in the course of his official duty, he delivered in the forenoon of Sunday, August 1st; and that he be affectionately requested to prepare it for publication.

4. *Special Committee of Finance.* As the Reports received from the Connexional Committees assembled previously to the present and the last Conference, recommend the appointment of a Special Committee to take into consideration the general finances of the Connexion, the President of the Conference is hereby authorized to convene a Meeting to consist of such members of those Committees, and other friends, as he may select, and to be held at such time and place as he shall appoint; and the Special Committee is hereby directed to consider,—whether some better arrangement can be made for the maintenance and extension of the work of God, in our country, by means of the Contingent Fund; by what means the income of the Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools' Fund, and of the Worn-out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund, may be rendered adequate to the necessary expenditure; also whether, and in what manner, suitable relief can be extended to Chapel-Trusts which are peculiarly burdened. The Conference also refers to the consideration of the Finance-Committee the accumulated deficiencies of the various Connexional Funds, with the hope that means may be devised to remove pecuniary incumbrances from those important institutions which the Funds respectively sustain. The President is authorized to select a Sub-Committee to make such preparatory arrangements as may facilitate the business of the Committee.

5. *Attendance of Ministers at Official Meetings.* Mistakes having arisen in reference to the subject, the Conference deems it proper and necessary to declare, that all the Ministers and Preachers on Trial appointed to a Circuit have a constitutional right to take part as members in our Leaders' Meetings, and in all other official Meetings of the Circuit to which they are appointed.

6. *September District-Meetings.* The Conference directs that the usual September District-Meetings, after the dispatch of their regular business on the first day of their assembly, shall, for this year, be adjourned to the following day; on which as many of the Ministers of the District as can attend shall be required to meet together for the purpose of mutual prayer, and of deliberate consultation on the best means of promoting the revival and extension of the work of God, among themselves, and among the people committed to their pastoral charge. The careful re-perusal of the "Liverpool Minutes," first published in 1820, and of those now directed to be reprinted, concerning Pastoral Visitation, will be found beneficial in guiding these consultations of the Ministers.

7. *Retirement of the Rev. Dr. Newton.* The Conference having heard, with deep regret, that Dr. Newton finds it absolutely necessary, from the failure of his health during the past year, and from the growing infirmities of advanced age, to retire from the regular duties of our Ministry, cannot allow the occasion to pass without expressing its unaffected concern at the loss about to be sustained in the Connexion by his comparative cessation from the extraordinary labours in which he has been engaged for upwards of fifty years with so great uniformity, energy, eloquence, and success. The Conference records its earnest hope and prayer that the sanctifying consolations of the Divine presence may be largely vouchsafed to him in these new circumstances; and assures him that, while he carries with him the testimony of his own approving conscience in reference to his work and motives, and the favour of Him whom he has so long served, he has also the cordial esteem and grateful affection of his brethren, and of the people, by whom his evangelical labours have ever been highly appreciated, and by whom the memory of his ministry will be cherished, when, in the order of Divine Providence, he shall have passed to his heavenly rest. While the Conference earnestly hopes that Dr. Newton will occupy his usual place in its annual sittings, and take part in its proceedings, so long as his health will permit, its ardent prayers will be presented to Almighty God, that, amidst the infirmities of years, he may be mercifully favoured with the increase of spiritual strength; that he may yet be permitted to enjoy frequent opportunities of preaching the common salvation; and that the evening of his life may be cloudless and serene, brightened and cheered by the presence of his Lord, and full of confidence, joy, and hope.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. *Auxiliary Fund.* (1.) Each Circuit is to be responsible to the General Treasurers for a yearly sum equal at the least, on a general average of all the Societies included within that Circuit, to Sixpence per Member, the numbers for the Circuit being taken, in all cases, as returned to the preceding Conference, and published in its Minutes.

(2.) The Conference directs that, at the renewal of the Society Tickets during the September Visitation, every Minister shall fully explain to the Members the nature and reasonableness of those claims upon their justice and liberality, which were intended to be met by the establishment of this Fund. He shall also give to each Member a short printed Address, explanatory of the same particulars. He shall then enter in the Class-Book the individual subscriptions, as in the case of the Yearly Collection at the March Visitation. At the *first* or *second* Class-Meetings in the month of October, the Leaders shall collect the Subscriptions thus promised, and shall pay the same to the Circuit-Treasurer, as hereinafter appointed.

(3.) In order to prevent a deficiency in the sum which an average of Sixpence per Member throughout England, Scotland, and Wales would raise, the Conference directs that the Ministers of every Circuit be enjoined, with the assistance of our Lay Friends, to do their utmost to raise its full proportion in October next, by the Subscriptions in the Classes; and that, in any Circuit which shall then prove deficient, Public Collections shall be made to meet such deficiency, if not otherwise provided for.

(4.) In every Circuit, at the September Quarterly Meeting, a Circuit-Treasurer for the Worn-out Ministers' and Widows' Fund shall be appointed, whose office it shall be,

(i.) To meet the Class-Leaders, not later than the last week in October, in order to examine the books in which the contributions of the Members shall have been entered; and to receive the sums which shall have been paid, in the early part of that month.

(ii.) To see, or communicate with, those Leaders who cannot attend the Meeting.

(iii.) To confer with the Ministers and leading Friends of the Circuit, on the best method of making up the deficiency, if it should happen in any case that the amount received in the Classes falls below the proportionate sum chargeable on the Circuit.

(iv.) To remit the Circuit contribution to the District-Treasurer for the Auxiliary Fund, as is the case in respect to the Children's Fund;—this remittance to be made in the month of November, *at the latest*.

(5.) At each Financial District-Meeting, held in September, a District-Treasurer shall be chosen, to whom all sums raised in the

Circuits of his District shall be paid, and he shall transmit such sums to the General Treasurers not later than the 13th of December. These remittances are to be addressed to the Rev. JOHN RATTENBURY, *Leeds*.

(6.) At the Annual District-Meetings held in May, when the Circuit-Stewards are in attendance, the District-Treasurers shall report the sums which they have received from the several Circuits;—when, if any Circuit has not raised its quota, the Ministers and Stewards of that Circuit shall be urged to make up the deficiency; and arrangements shall be made for the continued prosecution in the several Circuits of this truly Christian measure, which the Connexion, in the Centenary year, so unanimously recommended to the adoption of the Conference.

2. *Annual Return of Members in Society.* The number of Members in Society, and of persons admitted on trial, as taken at the *March* Quarterly Visitation in each year, and reported, by a presentation of the Circuit-Schedules, at the District-Meetings, shall be the number returned on the Minutes of the following Conference.

3. *Liverpool Minutes.* Resolved, that the Resolutions adopted by the Conference in the year 1820, and usually called the *Liverpool Minutes*, besides being read and considered in every Annual Meeting of the District-Committees, as our standing Regulations require, shall also be read at the Weekly Meeting of Ministers in each Circuit, next following each Quarterly Meeting; and the Chairmen of Districts are directed to make inquiry concerning the due observance of this regulation.

4. *Rule of 1797 concerning Admission of Members.* Mistakes having occasionally arisen respecting the meaning of the Rule of 1797, on the subject of the admission of persons who are on trial as Members of our Society, the Conference deems it necessary to repeat the statement, That it never was intended that the names of all those who are on trial should be laid before a Leaders'-Meeting for distinct and formal discussion; but solely this, That if there be, in the opinion of a Leader, any reasonable objection to the character and conduct of any person who is on trial, such objection may be stated by him; and that, if the validity of the objection be established to the satisfaction of the Meeting, a Member's Ticket shall not be given to the person, so objected to, at that Quarterly Visitation.

5. *Schedules and Circulars for Connexional Business.* As it is obviously desirable that the Committees appointed by the Conference to manage the several departments of the business of the Connexion, in the intervals of its session, should be furnished with as much statistical information as possible on the matters of business severally confided to their care, the Conference authorizes them, through their appointed Officers, to send, when they deem it expedient, suitable Circulars and Schedules to the Superintendents

or to the Chairmen of Districts, as the case may require; and directs the Superintendents and Chairmen duly to return such Schedules properly filled up.

6. *Reading of the Pastoral Address in Society-Meetings.* The Superintendents are directed to appoint a Special Society-Meeting to be held, at each principal Chapel in their Circuits, either in the afternoon of the Lord's day, or on some convenient evening of the week, for the purpose of having the Pastoral Address read to the Society, and made the subject of suitable remarks and exhortations.

7. In order to bring the state and progress of the work of God in every Circuit distinctly and regularly under the examination of the District-Meetings, copies of the *Printed Circuit-Schedules*, duly filled up, shall be annually produced, examined, and considered. The Chairmen of Districts are made responsible for the execution of this order; and shall bring such Circuit-Schedules with them to the Conference, that they may be forthcoming, if called for. (See also Minutes for 1831, Q. xxv., Vol. VII., p. 67.)

8. *Minor District-Meetings.* The following addition to the Rule of 1793, on the constitution of Minor District-Committees, is unanimously adopted by the Conference; viz,—

That, in any case in which the Chairman of a District may deem it necessary to appoint a Minor District-Committee, should either party refuse or decline to choose two Ministers to act as members thereof, the Chairman is empowered and directed to nominate them, so that the number required by rule may be made up.

9. *Candidates for Admission on Trial.* Those Preachers who are recommended for admission on Trial shall preach in the presence of at least three of the Ministers of the District-Committee, (at or about the time of its Annual Meeting in May,) to be selected by the Chairman, (exclusively of the Superintendents by whom the Candidates respectively are proposed,) and a special report of the Sermons shall be made in the District-Meeting, and immediately forwarded in writing to the London Committee of Examination.

10. *District-Meetings of 1853.* It is resolved, that all the regular Annual Meetings of the several District-Committees shall be held between the 15th and 22d of May, 1853, with the exception of the Lincoln, the North Wales, and the Second South Wales.

11. *Preachers on Trial to have proper opportunities for receiving the Lord's Supper.* The Conference, having been informed that in several Circuits the Preachers on Trial have very rarely an opportunity for receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, resolves that, in compliance with a former injunction on this subject, the Superintendents be required to make the necessary arrangements, in their Circuit-Plans, for securing to

their junior Colleagues proper facilities for partaking of this holy Sacrament.

12. *District-Minutes.* The Chairmen of Districts are peremptorily required to procure *three* complete copies of the Minutes of the several Annual and other Meetings of the District-Committees, duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary. One of these copies shall be inserted in the District-Records; a second shall be reserved for the use of the Chairman and Financial Secretary at the Conference; and a third shall be delivered to the Sub-Secretaries, on the Wednesday preceding the Conference, and by them to the President during the first week of each Conference, to be preserved, under his direction, as a document appertaining to the Connexion. The several copies of the last class shall be written on foolscap paper, that they may be annually bound together in one volume.

13. The Superintendents of those Circuits in which the Conference may from year to year assemble, shall, with the previous approbation of the President, (as already required by rule,) complete and print, not later than the 15th day of June in each year, a Plan of the order of preaching in the principal chapels during the session of the Conference; and shall also, on or before the above date, inform every person whom they may have appointed to preach in those chapels, of the time and place of such appointment. And in order that the Plan thus prepared may not be violated, to the disappointment of our friends, and to the great inconvenience of other parties concerned, no Minister who attends the Conference shall be at liberty to make an engagement to preach in any other Circuit, either on the Sabbath, or on any other day, during the period appointed for the meeting of the Conference, or of its various Preparatory Committees, at the time for which his name shall be inserted on the Conference Plan.

14. The Chairmen of Districts are enjoined to make particular inquiries at their Annual Meetings in reference to all the points of Discipline specified in the first Article of the answer to Q. XXVIII., in our Minutes of 1825.

CONFERENCE OF 1853.

Q. XXXIII. When and where shall our NEXT CONFERENCE be held?

A. In Kirkgate Chapel, Bradford, Yorkshire, commencing on Wednesday, July 27th, 1853, at Nine o'clock, A.M.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN SCOTT, *President,*

JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary.*

Sheffield, August 17th, 1852.

The PRESIDENT's address is, *Wesleyan Training Institution, Westminster*; and the SECRETARY's, *Richmond, London.*

ORDER OF COMMITTEES FOR 1853.

The COMMITTEES preparatory to the next Conference are appointed to meet in Bradford, as follows;—(subject, however, to any change of the particular order, days, or hours, here specified, which the PRESIDENT, giving due notice to the parties concerned, may find it expedient to make;) viz.,—

1. *Stationing Committee*, Friday, July 15th, at nine A.M.
2. *Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools' Committee*, (p. 88,) Wednesday, July 20th, at four P.M.
3. *Contingent Fund and Children's Fund Committee*, (p. 95,) Thursday, July 21st, at nine A.M. and four P.M.
4. *Chapel Affairs, including Chapel-Fund, Chapel-Relief Fund, and Chapel-Building Committees*, (pp. 91, 92, 93,) Friday, July 22d, at nine A.M.
5. *Book Committee*, (p. 90,) Friday, July 22d, at four P.M.
6. *Auxiliary Fund Committee*, (p. 98,) Saturday, July 23d, at nine A.M.
7. *The Sabbath Committee*, (p. 107,) Saturday, July 23d, at four P.M.
8. *The Catechumen Committee*, (pp. 106, 107,) Saturday, July 23d, at six P.M.
9. *General Education Committee*, (p. 106,) Monday, July 25th, at nine A.M. and four P.M.
10. *Special Missionary Committee of Review*, (p. 84,) Tuesday, July 26th, at nine A.M.
11. *Annual Meetings of the Trustees of the two Institution-Houses*, Tuesday, July 26th, at four P.M.
12. *Theological Institution General Committee*, (p. 102,) Tuesday, July 26th, at six P.M.

N.B. 1. The Secretaries of the several Funds are directed to meet in Bradford, on Wednesday, July 20th, for the purpose of preparing for their respective Committees the accounts of their several departments.

2. The Rev. Isaac Keeling, the Rev. Jonathan Crowther, and the Rev. William Barton, our Sub-Secretaries, are directed to attend at the same time, for the purpose of compiling from the District-Minutes various Lists, &c., which will facilitate the business of the Committees, and of the subsequent Conference.

3. The Chairmen of Districts are required to bring, or send, in time for the meeting of the Secretaries of the several Funds, on Wednesday, July 20th, perfect copies of the District-Minutes, and an account of the Numbers in Society in the several Circuits of their Districts, as taken at the March Visitation in 1853.

LIST OF GENERAL COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1852-53.

THE following are the usual and regular Collections which are to be made in all our Circuits during the ensuing year; viz.,—

1. The private Donations in the Classes, on behalf of the Worn-out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund, shall be entered in the Class-Books at the next September Visitation, and collected in the month of October. (See Minutes of 1851, Q. xxvii., A. 2, Vol. XI., p. 664.)

2. The Private Subscriptions and Public Collections for the Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools, &c., are to be made in the *early* part of the month of November, 1852; and the amount should be immediately remitted to the Rev. Henry Bleby, 3, *Northampton-Square, London*, one of the General Secretaries for the School-Fund, according to the directions given under Q. xiii., p. 90 of these Minutes.

3. The Annual Subscriptions, due January 1st, and occasional Donations, for the Wesleyan Theological Institution, are to be solicited in every Circuit in the first or second week of January, 1853; and *forthwith* remitted to the Rev. John Farrar, at the *Wesleyan Theological Institution, Richmond, London*.

4. The Annual Public Collections for the General Chapel-Fund are to be made in the month of February, 1853; and the whole amount should be immediately remitted to Messrs. Burton and Hargreaves, *Holderness-Road, Hull*.

5. The Yearly Collection in all the Classes is to be made, as usual, at the March Visitation, and the money to be paid at the District-Meetings in May.

6. The Private Subscriptions and Public Collections for the Wesleyan Education Fund are to be made in the month of April, 1853, and *forthwith* remitted to the Rev. Frederick J. Jobson, 3, *Chester-Place, Lambeth*.

7. The Private Subscriptions for the Mission-Fund are to be received in all our Circuits, either weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually, as is most convenient to the Subscribers. The Annual Public Collections for that Fund are to be made in all our chapels, and other preaching-places, at the time of the Anniversaries of the several Auxiliary or Branch Societies; or, where no Public Meetings of that kind are held, in the month of May. The money so raised must be remitted, *through the hands of the District-Treasurers*, to Thomas Farmer, Esq., and the Rev. Elijah Hoole, whose address is, *Wesleyan Centenary Hall, Bishopsgate-Street within, London*.

8. The Private Subscriptions for the Auxiliary Worn-out Ministers' and Widows' Fund are to be solicited in the month of May, 1853, and a list of Subscriptions is to be sent to the Secretary, not

later than the 30th of June. (See Minutes of 1851, Q. xxviii., Vol. XI., p. 666.) The money is to be paid on or before the first day of the Conference to the Financial Secretary of the District, and by him to Messrs. Chappell and Rattenbury, the Treasurers.

9. The Collection in aid of the Contingent Fund, for the support and spread of the Gospel in *Great Britain and Ireland*, is to be made in all our chapels and preaching-places, *not later than the second Sunday in July, 1853*; and the money is to be paid, *on or before the first day of the Conference*, to the Financial Secretaries of each District respectively, and by them to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund, Messrs. Vickers and Cusworth.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE METHODIST SOCIETIES.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

WE gladly avail ourselves of the renewed opportunity afforded by the recurrence of our annual assembly, of addressing you as those in whom we are permitted to rejoice as the seals of our ministry, and for whose souls, having been put in charge of them by the "chief Shepherd," we earnestly desire to "watch as they that must give account." And we do this with the greater readiness and satisfaction, from the confidence which we have concerning you, that you are accustomed to receive these annual tokens of our pastoral regard in a spirit of reciprocal affection, being ready to acknowledge us as those who are "over you in the Lord," and who, although they do not claim to have "dominion over your faith," are nevertheless the "helpers of your joy," we being "your rejoicing, as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus."

Let us invite you to join with us in seriously pondering the sacred relation which subsists between you and us, and the important duties involved in that relation, settled by the direct authority of Him who is our common Lord, and who "will hereafter bring us into judgment," for the manner in which we have fulfilled our duties to each other, furnishing also one test, amongst others, of the manner in which we have fulfilled the supreme obligation of allegiance and subjection to Himself. And let us heartily unite to bless "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," who, whilst He has called us to fellowship with Himself, and with His Son, and with that Holy Spirit who proceedeth from Himself and from His Son, has also called us to "fellowship one with another," as partakers of the same grace, and heirs of "the common salvation," and as witnesses for God, amidst a "perverse and crooked generation," to the actual existence and

effectual working of a life-giving and sanctifying Christianity, not only in the church of God in general, but also in the hearts of all true believers. How glorious the privilege which makes us one with Him, as He is one with the Father, and which, in proportion as it is received and acted on, under the law of that "charity which is the bond of perfectness," makes us also one with each other! And let us rejoice together, amidst all the discouragements of this "day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy," in that the testimony which our venerated fathers were, in the order of Divine Providence, especially commissioned to revive and to set forth, on the behalf of scriptural truth and holiness, is still sustained, not only in the ministrations of our sanctuaries, but also in the living and joyous experience of the tens of thousands amongst you who have the "witness in yourselves," of the heavenly truth and power of "that form of doctrine which was delivered you" in the day when, "being made free from sin, you became the servants of righteousness." Our hearts' desire, and prayer to God for ourselves, is, that we may obtain from Him of whom alone is all "our sufficiency," grace to continue faithful in keeping, "by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us, that good thing which has been committed" to us. And it is equally our concern and prayer for you, that, receiving the word which we preach, "not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe," "your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge, and in all judgment," and that you may be "filled with" those "fruits of righteousness" which, whilst they "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things," also bless and sanctify the world. So that "the savour of the knowledge of Christ" may be made "manifest by us in every place," and in the employment of the "grace given" to us as a people, "according to the measure of the gift of Christ," we may be, in an increased degree, a leaven of evangelical truth and vital godliness in our own country, and a faithful and acknowledged agency for carrying out the gracious purpose and mission of Him who is "set for salvation to the ends of the earth," and who, therefore, claims "the Heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession."

With reference to these important and glorious objects, allow us to remind you, with all affection, but at the same time with "all good fidelity," that the real value, both to yourselves and others, of your connexion with the church of God, is to be measured by the degree in which that connexion becomes effectively and plainly conducive to your growth "in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," and to the full establishment in your hearts, and the clear manifestation in your whole temper and conduct, of a living and all-pervading godliness and purity. It must, therefore, be your first and your perpetual concern, to aim

at and secure these objects, as being those without which you can neither "serve God and your own generation by His will," nor "make your own calling and election sure." For your assistance and safeguard on this vitally-important point, we exhort and entreat you to acquire and to hold fast a steady and undoubting experience of your actual interest in the "great salvation," and in all the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant, as being the "children of God by faith;" and, on the ground of that experience, to cultivate the habit of pressing, with ever-growing earnestness, "towards the mark for the prize of your high calling of God in Christ Jesus." With a view to your establishment in this experience and habit, seek, as you would for priceless treasure, "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." Look for this "revelation" and "knowledge," especially, in a regular and prayerful study of that sacred word, from which as the sufficient and only accredited depository of the declarations of "the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you," the "Spirit of truth" will "take of that which is Christ's and show it unto you." And wait evermore to "hear what God the Lord will speak" to you by the self-same Spirit, in the sanctuary and the closet, and in all other places in which your "prayer is wont to be made." He who "giveth to all men liberally" the "wisdom" which, under the conviction of their "lack," and the persuasion of His goodness, they "ask in faith," at the hands of the great Author of all "light and truth," will "open your eyes, that you may behold wondrous things out of His law;" and "the Spirit, which is of God," will make you to "know the things which are freely given to you of God." The "word of Christ" will then "dwell in you richly," and you will "be filled with the knowledge of His will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." He will also nourish you in all goodness, and "make you fruitful unto every good work," and "preserve you to His heavenly kingdom." And in thus blessing you, He will "make you a blessing." To the extent of your ability and influence, you will, in conformity with the requirement of the great Teacher and Lord, be "the light of the world," and "the salt of the earth."

We are the more earnest in exhorting you to such a study of the holy Scriptures, not only as they are "the oracles of God" for your general "instruction" and edification "in righteousness," but also because a thorough and experimental knowledge of them as "the truth," which, at the same time, makes you "free indeed," and "wise unto salvation," is, in reality, your divinely-appointed and only adequate protection against the spiritual

dangers which, under new or resuscitated forms of philosophy, and infidelity, and superstition, threaten to undermine by stealth, or to overrun, as with a deluge, all that is sanctifying in our faith, or vital and heavenly in our holy religion. It is "the Spirit of the Lord" alone, that can lift up an availing and victorious "standard against the enemy" that "cometh in;" and "the sword of the Spirit," the weapon by means of which He shall "turn the battle to the gate" and "bring forth judgment" and truth "to victory," is expressly declared to be "the word of God." This holds good in reference to that general conflict between truth and error, upon scriptural subjects, which, in these and certain other parts of the world, constitutes one of the most prominent characteristics of these "perilous times;" and is equally applicable for the guidance and safeguard of individual believers. In this respect, as in others, "the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." "It is incredible," says Bishop Horsley, "to any one who has not made the experiment, what a proficiency may be made in that knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation, by studying the Scriptures, without any other commentary or exposition, than what the different parts of the sacred volume mutually furnish for each other. Let the most illiterate Christian study them in this manner, and let him never cease to pray for the illumination of that Spirit by which these books were dictated, and the whole compass of abstruse philosophy and recondite history shall furnish no argument with which the perverse will of man shall be able to shake this learned Christian's faith."

To your more diligent care on the subject of your own salvation, we entreat those of you whom it may concern, to add a more careful attention to the spiritual interests and religious instruction of your families and dependents. According to your influence over them, and the opportunities you have of ministering to their benefit in this way, is your responsibility to Him who is the Father of the families of the earth, and the great Master of us all, for the direction of their feet into the way by which they may be made, in the full sense of that expression, members "of the family of God," and "of the household of faith." It was one of the distinguished tokens of the approval of Jehovah, conferred upon "the father of the faithful," and one of the evidences of his being "the friend of God," that this Divine testimony concerning him should be recorded, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Now, "whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning." Be followers, therefore, of the godly practice of Abraham in this respect, as you would also be followers of his patient and enduring faith, and inheritors with him of the same heavenly promises. And, as occasion shall arise and opportunity be given, unite with others in

endeavouring to provide and to sustain the means of giving to the young persons generally who are round about you a thoroughly-religious training upon scriptural principles, through the medium of Sabbath and Week-day Schools, and Bible and Catechumen Classes. The necessities of the present age, full as it is of all sorts of frivolity and dissipation, and of the most inviting and insidious encouragements to sin and error in all forms, imperatively claim this service at your hands. Nor can this claim be neglected, but at the hazard of consequences of the most painful character to those who ought to be herein the objects of your yearning and most strenuous charity; and at the hazard, also, of a fearful condemnation on yourselves, not only as having, by your failure, sealed upon the present generation the curse of that spiritual ignorance which it was in your power, by God's blessing, to remove; but also as having been, indirectly at the least, parties to the guilt of entailing the mischiefs of that curse upon the next succeeding generations.

As a supplement to these advices, let us urge it upon you to maintain, both by your teaching and example, a devout and scrupulous regard to the obligations and the privileges of the Christian Sabbath; the rather, as the habit of neglecting both the one and the other is already extensively established, and the incitements and facilities for a still more general and flagrant neglect are, as we fear, likely to be, ere long, considerably multiplied. The facts to which we refer, especially as to the various modes now practised of pleasure-taking on the Lord's day, are too well known to need a more specific mention; and the evils which result from them are more than sufficiently apparent. We deeply mourn over the amount of Sabbath-desecration which prevails; and we are, if possible, still more deeply concerned to observe the comparative indifference, not to say the implied or positive approval, with which, in quarters where better things might have been expected, this ominous overflowing of ungodliness appears to be regarded. Whatever may be the opinion or the practice of others in this matter, on your part, and that of your families and households, let the "Lord of the Sabbath" be acknowledged as such, both in the testimony you maintain, and the habits you observe, in regard to the day which He has sanctified; not only by its actual appointment as a day to be "kept holy," but also by the assumption of it as an appropriate and significant appendage to His glorious name; and spare no pains to abate, by all legitimate and Christian means within your power, the mischief of which we have so much reason to complain.

In the review of our experience as a Connexion, during the past year, we have to regret the additional proofs which have unhappily been furnished, that, "where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." But we have not been left

without evidences of blessing, or motives to encouragement. In a large majority of our Circuits, our people have been generally proof against the delusion and mischief attempted to be practised upon them; and being content to "walk by the same rule, and to mind the same things," they have continued true to the great principles which belong to us as a Connexion, and to the still greater spiritual purposes for which God has "made us a people." In several of those places in which the cause of God has seemed to suffer the most severely, there have appeared, during the year, the gladdening signs of an incipient and progressive return to a more healthy and prosperous state of things. The grace of the Holy Spirit has been manifestly poured forth, both on the Ministers and on the people. The labours of "him that planteth," and of "him that watereth," have been made productive by "Him who giveth the increase;" and it has thus been made cheerily manifest that, although the great Head of the church has permitted the steadfastness of our adherence to righteousness and truth to be severely tried, yet He has not "hidden His face from us;" and much less has He cast us off as a people whom He no longer "delighteth to honour." We could say more upon this subject, but for the present we forbear; and only add, that whilst ourselves and our people have been pleading with Almighty God,—“Show us a token for good, that they that hate us may see it and be ashamed, because Thou, Lord, hast holpen us, and comforted us;” we have been permitted to see His "bow in the cloud," and to behold, even in "waste places," as it were "the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain."

It is already generally known amongst you, that, in the course of the last year, a Committee of your Ministers assembled in London, under an appointment of the Conference, for the purpose of considering various suggestions made to it, by Memorials and otherwise, touching the practicability and the expediency of certain modifications or changes in the practical application and working of some parts of our established economy and discipline. And it is also known to you, that, afterwards, by the invitation of the President of the Conference, who had been previously invested with a discretionary power for that purpose, upwards of Three Hundred of our Lay Brethren (out of Seven Hundred and Forty-Five who had been invited) met the Committee of Ministers, to confer with them on the results which they had attained. It could scarcely be otherwise than that a numerous and somewhat miscellaneous assembly, convened for such an object, should be regarded beforehand with some degree of anxiety and apprehension; especially considering the extraordinary and unreasonable ferment which was so actively promoted, with reference to that object. But, neither in the separate Meeting of

the Ministers, nor in the conjoint Meeting of the Ministers and Laymen, did anything occur, amidst the freest possible discussion, to justify, in the slightest degree, the boding anticipations which, on the part of several of our friends, had been previously entertained. He who "maketh men to be of one mind in one house" was manifestly present, in the visitations of the Spirit of His grace, on those occasions. And the result was—a oneness of purpose and feeling, which overpowered all differences of opinion, and, to an extent that has been rarely witnessed in the history of our Connexion, united all minds and hearts in one harmonious conclusion. Nor did the spirit of unity and godly love which pervaded those Meetings pass away with the occasion, or confine itself to those who had attended them. On the contrary, we have good reason for believing that the indirect and secondary influence of those Meetings was such as very generally to allay, in no small degree, the disquietude with which many hearts had been affected, and to inspire or strengthen the confidence that, notwithstanding all the rumours and alarms propagated to the contrary, there is still amongst us that spirit of Connexional union which, by the blessing of God, will avail against all the circumstances which have already threatened, or may hereafter threaten, to divide and to destroy us. And the conclusions approved of at those Meetings having been, with a few slight modifications, sanctioned by the Conference with an almost equal unanimity, we are inclined to cherish the belief that what was capable of being done, in the way of formal rule and order, to consolidate our union, has now been accomplished; and that we may, therefore, reasonably calculate on the renewed and energetic co-operation of our people, with us and with each other, in the promotion of the more worthy and important objects for which the Providence of God originally raised us up, and has hitherto condescended to employ us.

Our hope upon this subject is the stronger, as, both in the meetings of the Connexional Committees which were preparatory to the business of the Conference, and during the sittings of the Conference itself, there has prevailed a spirit of fraternal confidence and unity, we might almost say, beyond all former example. To this it may be added, that the numerous religious services connected with the holding of the Conference, and more especially those which have been identified with its more solemn and formal proceedings, have been pre-eminently characterized, as seasons of extraordinary grace and power. We have thus been more closely cemented to each other in the holy and delightful fellowship of a common pastorate and brotherhood; and we have, at the same time, been more closely united to "Him who is our living Head in all things." And, as the result of this closer connexion with Him and with each other, we have, in humble reliance on the grace of God, resolved afresh to "take heed to ourselves and

to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers, to feed the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood;" and, to the utmost of our opportunity, to gather into His fold all those who are astray, whether at home or abroad.

In conclusion, we desire to impress it on your minds, and to have it more deeply impressed upon our own, that the great blessing which we should now heartily and perseveringly unite to seek, is, a renewed and copious baptism of the Holy Spirit on ourselves, and on our Connexion and Societies at large. Never, indeed, were we more entirely satisfied than we are at present, as to the adaptation of the system of Wesleyan Methodism to the spiritual wants of our own country, and of the world in general; nor were we ever more resolved to abide by the form of doctrine and the general principles of Connexional economy and discipline, which, by the providence and grace of God, we have received on trust from our honoured predecessors. The doctrines which we preach, we are thoroughly persuaded, are in entire and demonstrable agreement with "the oracles of God." And our general economy and discipline are, in our confirmed judgment, such as cannot, with any reasonable prospect of advantage, be very materially modified, much less exchanged for any other form of ecclesiastical arrangement with which we are acquainted. But we are not disposed to rest in these persuasions and assurances alone. Nor dare we hope for even the slightest measure of success, in the exercise of our public ministry, or in the official administration of our general system, excepting as the Holy Spirit shall infuse His own power, and love, and wisdom, both into the one and into the other. The Lord being our helper, we will still "give ourselves to the ministry of the word." And, in preaching that word, we will endeavour, by His grace, to "be instant in season and out of season;" and to "rebuke, reprove, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine." But, instructed by apostolical example, and prompted by our own most settled and forcible convictions, we will also "give ourselves continually to prayer." And the burden of our prayer shall be, that God may be pleased to vouchsafe to us through His Spirit, during the year, those "showers of blessing" of which we have already had the promise and earnest, in our public services, and in our mutual intercourse with one another, and with our friends in this place; and which, in their more abundant fulness, shall be "as rain upon the mown grass," and as "showers that water the earth." We most earnestly entreat you to unite in prayer to God for us and for yourselves, that He may graciously condescend to "water His inheritance" in general, and especially to "confirm" such parts of it as have, from any circumstances, been made "weary," and have therefore especial need that God should "revive them again." In the public services

which you attend, and in your family devotions, and in your class-meetings and prayer-meetings, and on all occasions of "the assembling of yourselves together," remember, and plead earnestly for, the interests of Zion. And be encouraged to expect, as the result of your fervent and believing supplication, the "answer of peace" upon yourselves, and upon the church for the "prosperity" of which you pray. Your "prayer shall return into your own bosom;" and you "shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life, and peace upon Israel." Nor let your prayer be for us and for yourselves alone, but also for "all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." And may "the God of love and peace be with you!"

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN SCOTT, *President*,

JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary*.

Sheffield, August 17th, 1852.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE
TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

UNDER a thankful sense of the Divine mercy and providence we address you, at the end of another year of varied trials and of abounding goodness.

From the earlier days of Methodism in Ireland this has been, mutually, our usage, as a suitable and pleasing expression of unity, esteem, and brotherly love.

And, with as warm and true hearts towards you and towards our common and sacred cause as ever, we now again reciprocate the kindness, and acknowledge the encouragement, conveyed by your highly-valued Address.

Indeed, the progress of time and the course of events make our remembrances only the more grateful, and our feelings of regard and estimation the warmer; because time and its changes only show more clearly that we have a place in your hearts, and produce a deeper conviction of the value of our fraternal and Connexional union.

We are especially drawn out towards you at this period, because of the conflict for our constitutional principles, in which you are still called to engage, and which you are, with patient fortitude and exemplary courage, maintaining.

From different causes we, on both sides of the water, have now one common reason for sympathizing with each other, as well as for sorrow and searching of heart.

In this country emigration flows on, and other results of providential infliction continue, making us sadly familiar with numerical decrease. The propagation of principles, and the

inflaming of passions, not only subversive of love to Wesleyan Methodism, but, when deliberately adopted and indulged, destructive of the life of God in the soul, have made you our companions in this tribulation.

Thus we know from experience how to weep with you over scattered Societies; but yours is, at present, the deeper sorrow. *Our* spiritual children have, in the great majority of cases, been dispersed by material and social changes beyond their own control; and we have a delightful certainty, or a cheering hope, that most of those who go to foreign lands retain the love of Christ, and become members or originators of Methodist Societies in the country of their choice. *You* have been bereaved through the diffusion of an unrighteous agitation, productive of "debates, envyings, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults;" and we mourn with you over the conviction, or the fear, that those who "went out from us" because "they were not of us," or were put away by the appliance of necessary discipline, have, also, in too many instances, "forsaken the right way," and gone into "crooked paths," in which there is no peace.

But, though we are still, in these respects, "in heaviness through manifold temptations," we believe it is for the trial of our faith and the purifying of our body; and we as fully rely on the soundness of our principles now as when we had peace in all our borders.

We do not despond. We rather look for greater things,—a more intelligent acquaintance with our ecclesiastical polity, a more perfect harmonizing of its conservative and expansive elements, a more unincumbered action, a better adaptation of our *system*, and a more earnest devotion of *ourselves*, to the evangelization of our own and other lands.

The circumstances of our day, the wants of our population, the approximation of our islands by facility of transit, the gathering conflict with Antichrist at home, as well as with idolatry abroad, the importance of Ireland as a Mission-field, colonised by Protestants, but peopled with opponents;—all these, and many other considerations, lead us earnestly to desire that British Methodism should more and more, if possible, comprehend and direct Methodism in Ireland.

We have anxiously watched the progress of events and the procedure of mind in this land; and, while we still mainly endeavour to "preach Christ crucified" with direct reference to man as a sinner, and without any other special collision with Popery than such a practical course involves, we can plainly see that many causes (among which we are grateful to think that Methodism holds an important place) are operating together, under God, to produce a disposition to reflect and inquire in many of our Romish countrymen. We feel, therefore, stirred up to

hold ourselves in all readiness to supply that vital truth which we believe material changes and spiritual influences are concurring to prepare numbers to desire and receive, and which it is our especial vocation to minister.

In reference to this, as well as to the other great object of our solicitude,—the perpetuation and increase of real, living Protestantism,—our Circuit-arrangements in general, and the Missionary department in particular, have been carefully reviewed during our session.

We have pleasure in reporting to you that such an amount of success was vouchsafed to the abundant labours of the General Missionary, appointed at our last Conference, that we have resolved on continuing the appointment for another year; and, in concert with the Rev. Samuel Young and the Rev. William Arthur, we have decided upon enlarging our operations in the western part of our island.

We are gratified and interested by your efforts to promote the scriptural education and spiritual improvement of the rising generation. In regard to this vital object, you are aware that we labour under many difficulties; but we fully acknowledge our responsibility to the great Shepherd for the lambs of the fold, and are trying to attend more sedulously to this department of our work.

We hope the hindrances to the desired increase and efficiency of our Day-Schools may yet be obviated, so that we may be able to accept such assistance as you in England receive from the public funds. Meantime, our existing School-agency is attended with a gratifying measure of success.

On the whole, we cannot but be full of hope. We feel strengthened and of good courage. We have unabated confidence in God; in Methodism, as His work; and in one another, as those whom He has "counted faithful, putting us into this ministry." We have had, amidst much that was humbling and trying in the past year, many, and some of them remarkable, tokens of the presence and power of the Spirit. Our Conference has been one of much encouragement to us all. "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge."

We can truly say that we were profited and delighted by the presence, guidance, and ministrations of our greatly-beloved President, and the honoured Brethren associated with him.

Dr. Hannah, as an able Minister, a wise counsellor, and a warm-hearted friend, we love and esteem more and more.

All that, for many years, we have sincerely said of, and tendered to, Dr. Newton, in veneration, and endeared friendship, and the "memory of the heart," we most cordially reiterate.

For our countryman, and your estimable Minister and junior General Secretary of Missions, the Rev. William Arthur, A.M., we feel high esteem and affection.

A hallowed eloquence, a heavenly unction, a Divine demonstration, characterized and attended the public labours of these "the messengers of your churches and the glory of Christ."

We are here, by association of thought, led to dwell upon your touching reference to the retirement of Dr. Bunting from active service. To every word of your discriminative and most just tribute of admiration, esteem, and affection, we respond. And, besides those deep obligations which we, in common with yourselves, are under to him for his inestimable services to our Connexion, and that debt of gratitude which, with you, we owe to the Head of the church while we "glorify God in him;" besides these motives for uniting with you in your testimony of sincere veneration and Christian eulogy, we would present to Dr. Bunting, at this affecting period of his long and honourable course, as the sage, disinterested, and constant friend of Methodism in Ireland, our most respectful and grateful love.

During the year that has passed away, two of our aged Brethren have entered into rest. Affliction has constrained two more of our Brethren to retire from the active work.

After the usual inquiries, most faithfully instituted, and a peculiarly satisfactory examination, seven young Brethren were solemnly ordained to the office of the ministry and the pastoral care.

Five candidates, warmly recommended by their respective District-Meetings, were approved of as probationers.

Your Missionary Deputation, the Revs. Joseph Hargreaves, John Bedford, Joseph Stinson, Thornley Smith, and Matthew T. Male, we received with *pleasure*, as a fruit and an evidence of our Connexional union; and with *respect*, as men who have your confidence and esteem. Their services in the pulpit and on the platform were highly acceptable and effective.

We cannot omit to record our high estimation of the ability, faithfulness, and Christian deportment of the Rev. Samuel Young, Superintendent of the Irish Missions and Schools; and we cordially unite in requesting his continuance in the office which he so efficiently fills.

As our Representatives this year we send the Revs. Thomas Waugh, Henry Price, and James Tobias; Ministers in whom we place all confidence, and who fully understand our affairs.

We now turn to the toils of another year, in deep conviction of our own weakness, but in humble hope toward God; and we earnestly, dear Fathers and Brethren, entreat your prayers that "God may be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us."

We are an agency raised up for spiritual ends, and are nothing without the Spirit. To be good men ourselves, we must be "full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." To do good to others, we must be continually baptized with heavenly fire. But the promise is

to us. We are determined to embrace it afresh; and, at the throne of grace, as everywhere besides, feeling our oneness as a Connexion, to "strive together with you in prayers to God," that the word may be fulfilled to the utmost precincts of our Zion: "I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 1st, 1852.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

It gives us sincere pleasure, assembled once more in our Annual Conference, to receive from your Representatives your fraternal and excellent Address. To the kindly sentiments expressed therein we heartily and entirely respond. While we desire to cultivate the spirit of "brotherly kindness" towards all who "hold the Head," we rejoice to be united to yourselves by a special bond of attachment. As members with you of the Methodist family, we feel that the identity of our doctrines and discipline peculiarly requires and encourages every suitable expression of our mutual regards, and gives a more than ordinary value to this annual interchange of our sentiments.

The expression of your continued confidence and affection is particularly valuable under our present circumstances. The unhappy agitation to which we have previously had occasion to allude, has been continued with unabated virulence, but, we are happy to believe, with greatly diminished effect, during the past year. We have still to contend with the passions and efforts of unreasonable men, men "given to change," in whose eyes our system of godly order and discipline is an unworthy and unholy thing. But every review of the case, as between us and them, deepens our conviction of the truth and importance of our principles. Never were we so thoroughly satisfied of our duty to maintain unimpaired the scriptural rights and responsibilities of the "overseers" of "the flock of God," and that great Connexional unity by which Wesleyan Methodism has, from the beginning, been distinguished. We cannot think that the question of ministerial responsibility is one of mere conventional arrangement, or that we should restore our "united Societies" more nearly to the scriptural model by suffering them to be broken up into isolated and independent communities. We are willing, and, indeed, most anxious, to remove any causes of misapprehension and uneasiness which may exist in the detail of our arrangements.

If we know ourselves, there is no sacrifice consistent with principle and duty which we would not make for the sake of peace; but we dare not purchase peace by the betrayal of our trust. We have at the present Conference introduced certain modifications which were recommended to us by the Committee appointed last year to consider and report upon proposals embodied in Memorials from some of our beloved people. These modifications, we are happy to know, are likely to prove eminently satisfactory to the large majority of our Societies. We feel constrained, however, to avow our conviction, that the cure of our present disorders lies not so much in any new legislation, however wise and conciliatory, as in a larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon ourselves and the people of our charge. We acknowledge and deplore the fact, that the necessity of maintaining and defending our discipline has too long interfered with the direct prosecution of our proper and divinely-appointed work of spreading "scriptural holiness throughout the land." We see evidences, however, both numerous and encouraging, that our communion at large has grown weary of contention; and gracious outpourings of the Spirit in many places assure us that we have but to unite in prayer and effort for the salvation of souls, to obtain abundant and general "showers of blessing." Our present Conference has been unusually distinguished by the presence of God, and the baptism of the Spirit of love; and we look forward, with cheerful hope, to a year of happy and successful labour in "the vineyard of the Lord."

We sympathize with you in the continued presence of those hindrances to your Connexional progress from which you have so long suffered. Especially do we regret the removal by emigration of so many whose social position and religious character seem to render it especially desirable that they should remain at home. But God's "thoughts are not" our "thoughts, neither are" our "ways" His "ways." However we might regret the departure of those whom your afflicted country is least able to spare, that regret is qualified by the remembrance that these expatriated Christians carry with them the Gospel of salvation; and that they either associate themselves with existing Wesleyan churches in foreign lands, or lay the foundations of new churches, and thus assist in extending the work of God. It is impossible not to recognise the hand of Divine Providence in the increasing amount of emigration from the United Kingdom. This movement is most evidently associated with the purposes of God's mercy to the human race. The spirit of commercial enterprise, as well as the disposition to colonise remote and barbarous regions, has been largely imparted to those who, by national character and religious knowledge and feeling, are best fitted to extend the kingdom of Christ. While, therefore, we, in one aspect, regret an event which impairs your resources, and weakens your numerical strength,

we cannot but rejoice in the probability that the cause of God will receive more than a compensation in the spiritual benefits accruing to the world at large. It is clearly very desirable that, in so far as we are concerned in the emigration-movement, we should endeavour to connect it with the spread of religion,—by accrediting our members who may be leaving our shores, by supplying them with all necessary information relative to the spiritual condition of the countries of their adoption, and by exhorting and encouraging them to a faithful and zealous adherence to their religious principles and professions. We have greatly rejoiced to learn that large numbers of the unhappy victims of Popery who have emigrated from Ireland have, immediately upon landing on another soil, abjured the superstitions in which they had been educated, and escaped from that bondage by which, in their own land, they had been so cruelly oppressed. We pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to move upon the minds of your exiled fellow-countrymen, and may give them universally the enjoyment of the liberty of God's children.

We rejoice at the confirmation, which your Address supplies, of a statement which has been made in other quarters, relative to the spreading spirit of inquiry and reflection among the Romanist population of your country. The duty of attentively regarding this interesting "sign of the times" is obvious and imperative. We are thankful, therefore, to learn, that your attention has been specially directed to this subject, and that your arrangements have been reviewed with reference to it. It gives us much pleasure to hear of the success of your General Missionary, and of his re-appointment for another year; but we hail with peculiar satisfaction the contemplated enlargement of your evangelizing operations in the west. There appears to be a remarkable opening, in that part of Ireland, for the preaching of the Gospel; and you would not be true, either to your principles or your former history, if you did not instantly and eagerly embrace it.

We are more than ever impressed, dear Brethren, with the conviction that our great work, as Methodists, is, under God, to extend a real, vital godliness among men. We would never forget how possible it is for the most scrupulous orthodoxy to be formal, heartless, lifeless. "The life of God in the soul of man,"—"the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us,"—love to God supreme and perfect, and love to all men for God's sake,—this is religion; the religion which it is our great business and duty to propagate. Mere proselyting zeal is wholly alien to the genius of our system, as to the spirit of our Founder and his coadjutors; and we trust the day will never come when, in any anxiety to refute doctrinal error, we shall be inattentive to the claims of spiritual religion. Let us go on, simply, plainly, and forcibly preaching "Christ, and Him

crucified." We need not be "ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is" still "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." In this day, such a course is especially requisite. Never was it more incumbent upon Christian "Pastors and Teachers" to "feed the flock of God" with the sound and wholesome doctrine of the Divine word. Never was there a louder call for a scriptural, well-instructed, living, and earnest ministry. May the great Master make both yourselves and us "workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth!"

The circumstances of your country seem to call, however, in combination with that positive, practical, and vital Protestantism to which you so suitably refer, for a renewed, vigorous, and well-organized aggression upon the territories of "the man of sin." The evident weakening of the influence of Romanism upon the popular mind, and the desperate efforts of the Priesthood to perpetuate and extend their power, present at once an encouragement and an incentive to such aggression. This is the more obvious, when we consider the character and effect of the training which the Priests undergo at the College of Maynooth. It is deeply humiliating to reflect, that the means of enlarging and rendering more efficient the antichristian, demoralizing, and anti-social system of education pursued in Maynooth, should have been supplied principally by the votes of professedly Protestant Members of the British House of Commons. It is some consolation, however, to reflect that this act was perpetrated in defiance of the indignant remonstrance of the united Protestantism of the empire; and that, year by year, as the true results are developed, the determination to retrace our steps increases. In the mean time, it is obviously the duty of those who conscientiously opposed the endowment of Maynooth, to labour with increased assiduity to counteract the effects of that endowment. The past successes of Methodism in Ireland show how effectually, and with what happy results, simple evangelical preaching may be combined with the specific exposure of the errors and absurdities of Popery. We are persuaded that the spirit of your fathers yet lives in the hearts of our Brethren of the Irish Conference; and we pray and expect that, by God's blessing, your earnest and self-denying labours, in connexion with the many other Protestant agencies now at work in Ireland, shall speedily bring about the evangelization of the land.

We have still to report the success of our great and important educational scheme. By the blessing of God upon the labours of our Educational Committee, and especially of its esteemed Chairman, (now our beloved President,) the Institution at Westminster has been opened under the most encouraging auspices; and we have every reason to hope that it will be sustained by the enlightened and liberal patronage of our community. We are justified

in expecting a large amount of good to the Connexion, from the existence of this admirable Institution, and from the increasing anxiety of our people to co-operate with us in the extension of Day-School instruction upon the principles therein exemplified. With much cordiality we echo your hope, that you may soon be enabled to conduct a similar enterprise, in circumstances as favourable as those in which it has pleased God to permit us to be placed.

The present is an important crisis in the history of our Missionary operations. After long, anxious, and prayerful deliberation, the Missionary Committee have recommended to the Conference to constitute the Missions in France into a French Methodist Church, with a Conference and ecclesiastical organization of its own. To this recommendation we have agreed, due care being taken to maintain our scriptural theology, and the purity of our scriptural discipline. By these means, it is hoped that the difficulties hitherto encountered, and the losses sustained in consequence of the natural dislike of our French brethren to a foreign jurisdiction, will be obviated; and that a surer guarantee will be afforded for the conservation and extension of our beloved Methodism in a country which so much needs the Gospel.

We have, in like manner, determined, on the recommendation of the Missionary Committee, to effect a somewhat similar change in the relations of our Missionary establishments in the Australian colonies; in fact, to place them upon a footing similar to that on which you have, for so long a period, stood. We need not review the grounds and reasons of this procedure, as they will doubtless be familiar to your minds; but we entertain the most sanguine hope that, under the Divine blessing, it will greatly promote the stability and progress of Methodism in Australia, while, by ultimately relieving us of the burden of supporting the Missions in that colony, it will enable us to enlarge existing stations, or enter upon new fields of labour, among purely Heathen nations. We have appointed our esteemed and beloved Brother, the REV. ROBERT YOUNG, to proceed to Australia, and conduct the negotiations necessary to the attainment of our object. Mr. Young will be accompanied by several much-respected Ministers, who are intended to reside permanently in the colony; and we are persuaded that you will unite with us in earnest prayers for the preservation of the Mission-party, and for the accomplishment of the important work confided to it. We trust that we may soon be enabled to carry out similar designs in (at least) all our older colonial Missions.

We have resolved, also, on immediately commencing a Wesleyan Mission in the vast empire of China. Circumstances of a very remarkable kind indicate to us, that God has specially called us to enter upon the work in that great country; and we dare not

longer hesitate to obey the Divine direction. Three Brethren are this year appointed to the Chinese Mission.

You will, we doubt not, regard it as a special mark of the Divine favour towards our section of the church, and an encouraging "token for good," that, amid the storms and defections of the last three years, we should have been enabled to complete two such buildings as the School for Ministers' Sons at New Kingswood, and the Normal and Training Institution at Westminster; and that, while our enemies have been exulting in anticipation of the overthrow of our system, we should have been called to the contemplation, and prepared for the execution, of Missionary undertakings so great in themselves, and pregnant with consequences so unquestionably vast and momentous. We "thank God, and take courage."

During the past year, Twenty-Five of our Fathers and Brethren at home have rested "from their labours." Two, also, of our Missionary Brethren—and it is matter of special thankfulness to God that the number is so small—have exchanged mortality for life. But God who, while He "buries His workmen, carries on His work," has raised up others to fill the vacant places. Twenty-One probationers, having honourably fulfilled their period of trial, and, having witnessed "a good confession," have been received into full connexion with the Conference, and ordained to the holy ministry; and Thirty-Five candidates, recommended by their respective Quarterly and District Meetings, have been received "on trial" amongst us.

Twenty-Five of our fellow-labourers have become Supernumeraries; and your affectionate mention of our venerable friend and father, the Rev. Dr. Newton, reminds us that *he* has this year retired from that sphere of wonderful and prolonged activity which he has occupied with so much honour to himself, and so much advantage to Methodism. We glorify God for His servant, that he has been so long spared to us, and has been made so great a blessing. He is followed into comparative retirement by our warmest sympathies, our ardent affection, and our fervent prayers. May the evening of his days be bright with the glory of that world to which, by the space of more than fifty years, he has been incessantly employed in inviting his fellow-men! You will be thankful to hear that, though retiring from the full work of the ministry, he contemplates a continuance of his invaluable services so far as his strength will allow.

We have rejoiced to welcome our old and long-tried friend, the Rev. Thomas Waugh, and his colleagues, the Revs. Henry Price and James Tobias, as your Representatives, and have been refreshed in spirit by their fellowship with us.

We have appointed to attend your next Conference our highly-esteemed President, the Rev. John Scott, together with the

Ex-President, and the Rev. Drs. Newton and Beecham. And, in our Plan of Missionary Deputations, we have made the following arrangements for Ireland:—For the North, the Rev. John Thomas, 1st, and the Rev. William L. Thornton, A.M.; for the South, the Rev. Henry Davies and the Rev. Alfred Barrett; and for the West, the Rev. John Bedford.

We largely share in the sentiments which you express in regard to our much-esteemed Agent, the Rev. Samuel Young. He has our unabated confidence and affection; and we have appointed him for another year to fulfil the duties which he continues so satisfactorily to discharge. We earnestly commend him to your prayers, sympathy, and fraternal co-operation.

And now, beloved Brethren, may “the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make” us and “you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in” us “that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever!” May He enable us to “watch in all things,” to “endure afflictions,” to “do the work of an Evangelist,” and “to make full proof of” our “ministry!” And, when the termination of our toils and services shall arrive, may each of us be able, through His grace, to say, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day!”

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING,	} <i>Sub-Secretaries.</i>
JONATHAN CROWTHER,	
WILLIAM BARTON,	

Sheffield, August 17th, 1852.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE, TO THE CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

WE thankfully acknowledge the receipt of your instructive and parental Address. The reading of it produced in our hearts lively emotions of gratitude and sympathy. We are grateful for the deep interest and tender affection you evince in our behalf, both by the language which you employ and by your compliance with our requests. We rejoice at the signal manifestations of the Divine favour which have crowned your labours in the various departments of your great work, while we deeply sympathize with

you in the trials and afflictions with which God has permitted you to be visited from those who have lifted up their heel against you, after having been raised up and nourished by your labours as children. While, of all trials, those which come from false and mistaken brethren are among the most severe, they are, when sanctified, among the most beneficial for the promotion of personal graces, and often issue, by the manifold workings of Grace and Providence, in a large increase of public usefulness. Our earnest prayer is, that from this furnace of affliction you may come forth in the more perfect image, and with a larger baptism of the Spirit, of Him who was reviled with all manner of evil, and persecuted even unto blood and death; but who yet lives, and reigns, and triumphs, to bestow the greatest blessings upon sinners, and bring the highest glory to God.

We are happy to be able to report prosperity in every branch of our work. The great depression in the prices of those kinds of produce on which the people of Upper Canada are chiefly dependent for their resources, has greatly circumscribed the power of our congregations to contribute to our various Connexional Funds. But, even under these circumstances of trial, there has been an increase in each of those Funds,—including an increase also in the amount of subscriptions and contributions to the Wesleyan Missionary Society. We enjoy undisturbed peace and unity throughout all our Societies; we have had a net increase of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty-Five church-members during the year; our two large Industrial Schools among the Indians are increasingly efficient and prosperous; and our Missions generally, as well as the work on the regular Circuits, present gratifying proofs of prosperity. We have Thirteen Missionaries employed amongst the Indians, and Fifty-Two in the new and feeble settlements of the country. We feel that God has given us a special charge to carry the bread of life to the pagan Indian and the immigrant settler; and we purpose, by His grace, to fulfil our trust. We therefore entirely concur in the proposal of your Missionary Committee, to transfer the oversight of your Missions in the Hudson's-Bay Territory to the Superintendent of Missions in Canada: for, although it is not in our power to do more than sustain the Missions in Upper Canada, we have men—acquainted with the language and habits of the Indians—who are willing to go as messengers of salvation to the most inhospitable climates and the most distant tribes of these desolate and perishing people; and we have native converts who afford every promise of usefulness to their unconverted fellow-countrymen. But before commencing to carry out your benevolent designs in the establishment and extension of Wesleyan Missions in the Hudson's-Bay Territory, your Superintendent exercised the wise precaution, with the concurring advice of our Missionary Board, to explore that most distant field

of labour, and ascertain at what places and in what manner Mission-stations could be best established. Our experienced and judicious Brother, the Rev. John Ryerson, consented to undertake this difficult and responsible task; but the Agents of the Hudson's-Bay Company in this country having declined allowing him a passage in their canoes without authority from the Directors in London, and having expressed their opposition to any further extension of our Missions in their Territory, it was deemed advisable for Brother Ryerson to proceed to England, and obtain, through the interposition of your Missionary Committee with the Directors of the Hudson's-Bay Company, the removal of these obstacles, and a passage in one of their ships to Hudson's-Bay, that no time might be lost in making the contemplated tour of exploration. There being reason to apprehend that he has not been able to prosecute that object the present season, we have appointed our devoted and excellent Brother as our Representative to your Conference,—a Brother honourably known and esteemed by you as well as ourselves; and to him we refer you for full information in regard to everything connected with our work in this country.

It affords us pleasure to be able to state, that the attendance of students at our College has been much larger during the last year than during several preceding years; and we are making a personal and Connexional effort to endow it, and increase its efficiency and usefulness. By the Preachers present at Conference, nearly £2,000 sterling have been pledged for that purpose; and we have decided to employ an agency to canvass members and friends of our Church throughout the province, to promote the same object.

Another year's experience prompts us to respond most heartily to the strong language of acknowledgment and thankfulness which you have employed in reference to the countenance and co-operation extended to our Missionary work amongst the Indians by His Excellency the Earl of Elgin, and his brother, the Honourable Colonel Bruce, Chief Superintendent of Indian Affairs. His Excellency has evinced the deepest interest in the establishment and extension of our Industrial Schools amongst the Indians, and has cordially co-operated with us in that most important work. Colonel Bruce has just completed a tour of inspection to those Schools, and has, on his return, stopped a day in this city, during the present session of our Conference, for the express purpose of conferring with the Superintendent of Missions and our Missionaries in relation to the Indian Industrial Schools, in order to devise means to extend their usefulness to a larger number of Indian children,—having been so much gratified with what he had witnessed at the Schools, and their success having so greatly exceeded his anticipations. Colonel Bruce was introduced to our Conference, and addressed to us a few remarks, expressing, on

behalf of His Excellency Lord Elgin, as well as for himself, the deep sense entertained by His Excellency of the value of the labours of our Missionaries and Teachers among the Indians.

The fidelity, judgment, and ability with which our honoured President and Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. Enoch Wood, has discharged the duties of his important and responsible offices, have fully justified the statements and anticipations which we expressed in reference to him in our last and previous Addresses. The longer and more intimate is our acquaintance with his fervent piety, his sound judgment, his judicious and affectionate counsels, his able pulpit-ministrations, and his ardent and unwearied devotion to the extension and interests of our Canadian work, the more highly is he appreciated by us and our Congregations; and we cordially and unanimously request his re-appointment as President, and his continuance as Superintendent of Missions, as a most important means of promoting the welfare of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada. To our friend and Brother, the Rev. John Ryerson, whose valued ministerial labours extend over a period of more than thirty years, it is needless for us to refer further than to say, that he has discharged the duty of Co-Delegate the past year with his accustomed vigilance and judgment; and his re-appointment as Co-Delegate will be no less acceptable to us than beneficial to our Connexional interests.

The present session of our Conference has been one of the most spiritual, most harmonious, and most delightful sessions that we ever experienced; and we go forth to our several fields of labour, as specially sent and newly commissioned of God to cultivate them; to maintain our doctrines uncorrupted, and our discipline unimpaired; to seek and enjoy a full salvation ourselves, and preach and exhibit it to others. We devoutly unite with you in the supplication, "that the Lord may ever crown our mutual labours with His favour; direct and sanction every enterprise which we undertake; sanctify us wholly in body, soul, and spirit; endue us with renewed power to fulfil our high commission to extend the kingdom of our blessed Saviour; and honour with still more signal blessings the union of our churches on earth, so that their members may be mingled with the church triumphant in heaven."

Signed by order of the Conference,

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Secretary.*

Kingston, U. C., June, 1852.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE
ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-
METHODIST CHURCH IN WESTERN CANADA.

DEAR BRETHREN,

IT affords us sincere pleasure to receive, from year to year, those assurances of Christian regard which your successive Addresses convey. They were never more welcome than on the present occasion; when, in addition to your affectionate Address, we have had the satisfaction of hearing from your appointed Representative the most gratifying statements as to the condition and prospects of the work under your care. Our hearts have been lifted up in gratitude to the Giver of all good, while we have heard of the growth of your Societies, the increase of your Missionaries and other Ministers; of your determination to strengthen, even by large personal sacrifices, the efficiency and usefulness of your College; and of the enlarged contributions of your people for the sustentation and spread of the Gospel: and we trust that, in these and all other respects, you may long continue to prosper as a religious community. A vast field lies before you, and invites your evangelizing efforts; and, whether among the immigrants from the United Kingdom, or the heathen aborigines of your country, there is abundant scope for all the energies which you can bring to bear upon its cultivation. In what has been already accomplished, you have had abundant proof of the efficacy of the Gospel, accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost, as the means of dispelling the ignorance and subduing the enmity of the carnal mind. Continue then, we affectionately entreat you, to labour for its wider diffusion. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season;" and labour to make all men know the riches of this glorious mystery, "which is Christ in you the hope of glory."

We thank you for your sympathy in our severe trials. Would to God we could say they had passed away! but this is not permitted to us at present. Though to some extent abated, the storm rages still. Those who began with crying out for the restoration of "the Methodism of John Wesley," no longer conceal their intention to annihilate our system if they can, and to set up, in its place, one founded on their own democratic theories. To this end their unwearied efforts are directed; and neither expense nor pains are spared. Calumnies and misrepresentations are sown broad-cast over the land; our motives are impugned, our mistakes magnified, and our characters traduced, until multitudes, who would once have received us gladly for our Master's sake, have been alienated in affection, and others who have forsaken our fellowship have made shipwreck of faith and a

good conscience. Our Connexional property has been recklessly invaded; and, in one instance at least, bands of lawless men have, by violence and intimidation, driven a Minister from his home, and destroyed property, if they have not endangered life.

While we are thus called to mourn over Societies diminished, prospects blighted, and men deluded to their own undoing, we do not "think it strange, as though some strange thing had happened" to us. The principles which are embodied in our economy are equally opposed to the despotic priestly rule which some advocate, and to the unbridled popular license for which others contend. They please neither party; but are a standing protest against both. It is to be expected, therefore, that both should assail them. And in proportion as our testimony has been effectual, will their opposition be violent. Methodism has shown how possible it is to exercise a real government without tyranny; to maintain order in combination with liberty; to give to various classes of persons their due sphere of influence without infringing on the rights of others; and to call forth the gifts and energies of a Christian people without superseding, or trampling upon, the Christian Ministry. Hence has arisen the hostility with which it is now pursued. Had it been a system of absolute priestly government aiming at lordship over the consciences of men, and directed to the aggrandisement of a sacerdotal caste, it would have had the sympathy of Romanists and Romanisers throughout the world. Or if, on the other hand, it had made the popular will its supreme law, and had sacrificed all official rights on the altar of fraternity and equality, it might have obtained this courtesy, at least, from its infidel opponents,—to have been "the last devoured." But now it is "troubled" and "beset on every side." Combined foes without, and men from among its own followers "speaking perverse things," have rendered the last year a period of prolonged trial. But we remember that no good cause can triumph till it has suffered. We see the great Apostle of the Gentiles reviled, turned away from, insulted by some of his spiritual children, neglected by others, deserted by former associates in the ministry, and subject to imprisonment and martyrdom, yet victorious in the end; and, in like manner, we trust that, if we maintain our testimony in meekness and love, resisting all temptations to vindictiveness on the one hand, or to inconstancy on the other, He whom we serve will in His own time appear on our behalf, and will overrule all our sufferings for His glory and our ultimate advantage. Pray for us, dear Brethren, that our faith may not fail, and that, when our trial is completed, our Connexion may yield more abundantly than ever "the peaceable fruits of righteousness."

Meanwhile, you will rejoice to hear that He, who of old time came to His suffering servants in the fiery furnace, has not denied

to us the consolations of His presence. We are cheered by manifold tokens of His abiding among us. The meetings of the Conference and its Preparatory Committees have proved times of refreshing; and plans which were devised during the past year, for extending and consolidating the work of God in two most important sections of our Missionary field, have now received a formal sanction and approval. French Methodism will henceforth sustain a distinct ecclesiastical position; and the experience of Western Canada warrants the belief that, when the Methodism of our Australian colonies shall have been similarly organised, it will be, in like manner, successful. A solemn commencement of a Wesleyan Mission to China has been resolved upon, amidst many cheering indications of Divine guidance; and labourers have been most providentially supplied to meet the several exigencies which these undertakings will create. Thus is the city built "even in troublous times." Thus do the branches of Joseph "run over the wall," notwithstanding "the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him." "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."

We have not entered into detail, in regard to the important subjects just referred to, because, before your Conference can assemble, further and fuller information than we can now supply will have reached you through the usual channels; and, especially, because we hope that, at your next Conference, you will have among you the valued Brother who has been your Representative to us, and whom we have been glad to recognise once more in that capacity. In the high estimate of his character and services which you have expressed we sincerely concur; and, hoping that he will be preserved to return to you in peace, we refer you to his personal communications for such further information as you may desire. We trust he will be long spared, to serve the cause of Christ among you in the various departments of labour to which he may be appointed.

According to your request, we have appointed our excellent Brother, the Rev. Enoch Wood, to preside at your next Conference; and the Rev. John Ryerson to be Co-Delegate. Our prayers and best wishes attend them both; and we are happy to know that they still have that high place in your esteem which we believe they deserve.

And now, Brethren, we affectionately bid you farewell. For ourselves, we resolve to hold firmly to the saving truths of the Gospel, and to preach them still in their Divine simplicity and fulness. Unmoved by the scorn of the votaries of a vain philosophy, by the wrangling of the sceptic, or the roar of the blasphemer, we trust to "abide in the doctrine of Christ," and to prove that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." Our hope is, that, "by the supply

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of the Spirit of Jesus Christ," we shall be enabled to "magnify" Him "in our bodies, whether it be by life, or by death;"

"Happy, if with our latest breath
We may but gasp His name!"

What we desire for ourselves we entreat for you also. May one spirit animate us! May one work occupy all our energies, and one everlasting home finally receive us!

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary.*

Sheffield, August 14th, 1852.

APPENDIX.

I.

ACCOUNTS OF THE CONTINGENT FUND FOR THE
YEAR ENDING AT THE CONFERENCE OF 1852.

1.—ORDINARIES.

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly Collection.	Grants.	July Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<i>I. London District.</i>				
First London	2174	72 0 0		34 11 3
Richmond	144	9 7 6		5 6 2
Uxbridge	61	1 10 0	16 0 0	0 15 0
Second London	1150	38 0 0		19 0 4
Third London and Thames Mission	1343	37 13 0		28 5 8
Fourth London	982	30 0 0		16 12 3
Fifth London	1711	66 6 6		33 18 0
Sixth London	785	26 18 0		23 5 6
Seventh London	707	19 10 0		15 6 6
Eighth London	1536	72 5 0		41 15 0
Deptford	465	12 13 6	24 0 0	7 19 0
Woolwich	471	10 0 0	24 0 0	7 10 7
Hammersmith	553	19 8 6		17 4 0
Croydon	282	6 4 0	18 0 0	5 17 0
Barking, &c.	141	3 0 0	29 0 0	3 5 0
Leyton	61	1 10 0	23 0 0	1 10 0
Ware, &c.	201	4 5 6	86 0 0	4 0 0
Cambridge	436	9 0 0		11 0 0
Windsor	310	10 0 0	38 6 8	6 0 0
Chelmsford	235	5 15 0	25 0 0	3 1 0
Maldon	211	3 15 6	57 8 8	2 17 0
Colchester	483	10 5 0	15 0 0	9 6 6
Manningtree	924	18 10 0	25 0 0	7 13 6
Ipswich	449	5 12 0	40 0 0	4 15 4
Hastings	477	10 5 0	15 0 0	8 4 0
Sevenoaks	279	8 13 0		5 10 0
Tunbridge-Wells	365	10 10 0	40 0 0	10 8 0
Lewes, &c.	152	4 18 6	24 0 0	4 12 3
Brighton	518	17 10 0		17 3 2
St. Alban's	463	7 11 0	40 0 0	6 1 0
Guildford, &c.	266	7 10 0	105 0 0	6 9 0
Dorking, &c.	119	2 6 6	121 0 0	2 16 6
Totals	18454	562 13 0	765 15 4	371 18 6
<i>II. Bedford and North- ampton District.</i>				
Bedford and Ampthill	1053	22 0 0		15 9 2
Leighton-Buzzard	987	16 10 0		9 5 0
Luton	1040	22 10 0		16 11 2
Dunstable	1015	23 10 0		11 0 0
St. Neot's	623	10 0 0		9 0 0
Biggleswade	541	8 10 0	35 0 0	8 9 4
Hitchin	162	4 0 0		2 8 8
Huntingdon	684	8 15 0		6 10 0

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly	Grants.	July
		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Northampton	860	15 10 0		8 0 0
Towcester	521	5 0 0	17 0 0	2 16 6
Daventry	576	9 0 0	40 0 0	5 3 6
Newport-Pagnell	334	6 5 0	64 0 0	4 0 0
Higham-Ferrers	330	4 10 0		2 18 0
Wellingborough	284	4 10 0	34 0 0	2 12 0
Kettering	207	3 5 0	4 10 0	2 16 0
Market-Harborough	175	3 5 0	73 5 0	2 15 0
Chatteris	357	4 10 0	24 0 0	3 0 0
Oundle	268	5 16 0	26 5 0	2 8 4
Additional Subscriptions ..		3 7 5		
Totals	10017	179 13 5	318 0 0	115 2 8
III. Kent District.				
Canterbury	569	12 5 0	40 0 0	5 15 3
Faversham	391	7 10 0	40 0 0	5 5 1
Rochester	441	7 16 6		5 6 0
Gravesend	400	11 2 0	24 0 0	11 0 0
Sheerness	303	4 3 0		3 18 1
Margate	677	20 0 0		14 0 0
Dover	745	13 0 0	35 0 0	13 4 6
Deal	250	9 6 5	12 13 4	4 3 0
Rye	404	7 9 0	6 13 4	4 15 0
Tenterden	359	5 10 0	51 6 8	4 0 0
Ashford	300	4 5 6	21 6 8	2 10 0
Sandhurst	583	9 10 0	40 0 0	5 19 8
Maidstone	377	8 8 0		6 4 0
Sittingbourne	277	4 7 2	12 0 0	2 8 9
Additional Subscriptions ..		7 10 5		
Totals	6076	132 3 0	283 0 0	88 9 4
IV. Norwich and Lynn District.				
Norwich	280	6 10 0	35 0 0	5 4 7
Bungay	273	4 0 0	20 0 0	3 5 6
North-Walsham	312	5 13 0	33 0 0	4 0 0
Yarmouth	300	9 13 0	35 0 0	7 6 8
Lowestoff	360	6 0 0		4 0 0
Framlingham	288	2 7 6	18 0 0	2 18 0
Diss	533	8 10 0		6 2 0
New-Buckenham	347	3 13 10	3 0 0	3 2 0
Bury St. Edmund's	202	4 11 10	75 0 0	3 8 0
Holt	42	0 16 0	75 0 0	1 5 2
Lynn	554	12 0 0		6 8 0
Swaffham	350	3 7 10	20 0 0	2 14 4
Downham	333	3 3 0	40 0 0	3 7 0
Walsingham	463	6 6 0	5 0 0	4 4 0
Wisbeach	368	5 3 0	40 0 0	4 0 0
Thetford	584	9 0 0	30 0 0	6 0 0
Mildenhall	391	5 2 4	5 15 0	4 14 5
Ely	490	7 0 0	35 0 0	6 1 0
Additional Subscriptions ..		8 5 3		
Totals	6470	111 2 7	469 15 0	78 0 8
V. Oxford District.				
Oxford	350	8 0 0	19 6 8	4 14 0
High-Wycombe	401	6 10 0		4 4 0

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		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Aylesbury	507	5 0 0		5 10 0
Witney	540	9 10 0	22 6 8	7 10 0
Banbury	585	9 10 0		7 6 2
Kington	275	5 1 0	6 13 4	3 6 6
Newbury	547	14 1 9		11 11 7
Reading	197	5 0 0	73 6 8	4 10 0
Hungerford	719	11 10 0		9 0 0
Watlington	204	2 18 0	13 6 8	2 3 1
Thame	146	2 12 6	25 0 0	2 2 6
Brackley	547	5 0 0		3 13 1
Chipping-Norton	401	4 10 0	13 6 8	4 0 0
Swindon	276	4 16 0	60 0 0	4 19 0
Wantage	450	9 0 0	56 13 4	7 16 0
Additional Subscriptions from the Ministers of the District		4 17 6		
Totals	6235	107 16 9	290 0 0	82 5 11
VI. Portsmouth District.				
Portsmouth	834	27 0 6	40 0 0	12 1 8
Gosport	146	3 10 0	17 6 2	2 1 6
Salisbury	610	8 12 0	15 0 0	9 7 4
Poole	590	9 0 0	24 0 0	6 10 0
Wimborne	367	7 0 0		5 1 7
Ringwood	142	2 12 0	8 6 2	1 16 8
Newport, Isle of Wight ..	524	10 9 0	55 0 0	11 0 0
Southampton, &c.	580	15 0 0	15 0 0	13 2 0
Andover	343	4 1 0	57 6 2	2 2 0
Chichester	157	4 0 0	17 6 2	6 9 8
Additional Subscriptions ..		5 3 0		
Totals	4293	96 7 6	249 4 8	69 12 5
VII. Guernsey District.				
Guernsey, English	390	14 0 0	35 0 0	4 1 8
Guernsey, French	1012	13 12 0		7 0 0
Alderney, English	26	0 18 7		0 7 0
Alderney, French	52	1 6 5	30 2 8	0 9 0
Jersey, English	318	13 3 0	40 0 0	4 0 0
Jersey, French	1266	19 0 0		7 0 0
Totals	3064	62 0 0	105 2 8	22 17 8
VIII. Devonport District.				
Devonport	902	18 10 0		9 8 0
Plymouth	879	24 0 0		12 10 7
Launceston	970	17 0 0		6 10 0
Holsworthy	540	7 5 0		2 15 0
Kilhampton	420	5 0 0	6 19 0	3 12 6
Linkard	700	9 6 6		3 9 0
Callington	577	7 5 0		3 15 0
Tavistock	567	7 10 0	9 15 0	5 0 0
Camelford	303	6 12 0	31 0 0	4 1 6
Kingsbridge	260	5 10 0	40 5 0	4 7 0
Brixham	155	3 0 0	26 8 6	3 10 0
Ashburton	289	6 8 0	57 1 0	3 10 0
Totals	6562	117 6 6	171 8 6	62 8 7

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			Collection.		Collection.
IX. Cornwall District.			£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Redruth.....	1629	12 0 0			4 15 0
Camborne	1789	16 0 0			7 10 0
Falmouth	1087	14 10 0			6 10 0
Truro.....	1478	15 0 0			9 0 0
Gwennap	1745	6 0 0	26 0 0		2 0 0
St. Agnes	1027	7 5 0	24 0 0		3 0 0
St. Austle	1064	13 10 6			9 11 0
St. Mawes	347	4 0 0	7 0 0		2 16 0
Bodmin	751	12 0 0			5 0 0
St. Columb	403	3 0 0	14 0 0		2 0 0
Penzance	1280	22 12 6			10 0 11
St. Just	1551	25 10 0			7 1 0
St. Ives	704	11 5 0			5 0 0
Scilly Islands	114	4 0 0			3 1 8
Helstone	1540	12 6 0	24 0 0		5 19 6
Hayle	1151	14 12 6	57 0 0		6 0 0
Marazion	564	4 0 0	20 0 0		3 0 0
Additional Subscriptions ..		19 4 6			
Totals	18224	216 16 0	172 0 0		92 5 1
X. Exeter District.					
Exeter	536	12 10 0			6 10 0
Crediton	68	1 0 0	49 9 0		0 12 6
Tiverton.....	272	4 10 0	11 13 0		5 2 0
Taunton, &c.....	570	15 3 4			8 12 0
Bridgewater	325	6 0 0	10 19 6		2 10 0
South-Petherton	374	5 10 0	40 0 0		4 8 6
Axminster	168	0 15 0	9 11 0		0 8 0
Budleigh-Salterton	260	4 0 0	22 10 0		2 7 6
Bridport	398	8 2 6	35 0 0		4 12 0
Barnstaple.....	495	6 16 0	40 0 0		5 2 6
South-Moulton.....	278	3 5 0	17 0 0		2 15 0
Bideford	649	9 0 0			6 10 0
Dunster	292	7 0 0			4 10 6
Oakhampton.....	217	3 12 0	42 11 6		2 13 0
Teignmouth	363	8 2 6	112 0 0		6 8 6
Additional Subscriptions ..		1 1 10			
Totals	5315	96 7 10	390 14 0		63 2 0
XI. Bristol District.					
Bristol, North	881	45 5 0			15 3 0
Bristol, South	650	21 10 0	40 0 0		8 2 0
Kingswood	303	9 0 0	24 0 0		4 6 10
Banwell	350	5 10 0	40 0 0		4 4 0
Weston-super-Mare.....	125	2 10 0	18 0 0		1 15 6
Stroud	490	9 0 0	40 0 0		7 0 0
Dursley	400	7 12 0	42 0 0		6 7 0
Downend	331	4 10 0	50 0 0		2 6 8
Gloucester.....	396	10 9 0	40 0 0		9 16 2
Tewkesbury	257	6 4 0	50 0 0		4 0 0
Cheltenham	579	26 10 0			13 9 10
Newport, Monmouth	706	15 1 0			9 3 0
Cardiff	500	12 15 0	55 0 0		8 15 0
Bridgend	165	3 8 0	42 0 0		2 0 0
Monmouth, &c.....	286	3 16 0	49 16 8		2 15 0

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		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Chepstow	204	2 17 0		1 13 0
Abergavenny	190	4 0 0	20 0 0	2 17 6
Pontypool	828	8 0 0		5 12 9
Ledbury	306	3 13 0	65 0 0	2 12 0
Hereford	301	4 10 0	25 0 0	3 3 0
Totals.....	8247	206 0 0	600 16 8	115 2 3
XII. Bath District.				
Bath	600	18 9 0		9 0 0
Bradford, Wilts.....	630	11 0 0		7 10 0
Midsomer-Norton.....	1042	16 0 0		10 10 0
Frome	424	4 12 0		4 15 0
Melksham	566	7 5 0	40 0 0	6 14 2
Devizes	127	2 0 0	37 0 0	2 0 0
Shepton-Mallet.....	859	10 5 0		5 0 0
Castle-Carey.....	203	2 4 0		1 7 6
Sherborne	626	11 6 0		5 13 1
Weymouth	562	13 13 0		7 10 6
Dorchester	406	9 5 0	17 0 0	4 0 0
Shaftesbury	767	10 10 0		6 2 6
Glastonbury	287	5 5 0	15 0 0	2 10 11
Warminster	52	1 5 0	49 0 0	0 18 0
Totals.....	7151	122 19 0	158 0 0	73 11 8
XIII. First South Wales District. (English Preaching.)				
Swansea.....	453	12 0 0	20 0 0	8 2 1
Merthyr-Tydvil	932	17 0 0		7 10 0
Brecon	200	7 0 0	22 0 0	4 0 0
Cardmarthen	210	8 0 0	50 0 0	4 14 4
Haverford-West	596	14 0 0		7 0 0
Pembroke	552	8 15 0	14 0 0	5 16 2
Totals	2948	66 15 0	106 0 0	37 2 7
XIV. Second South Wales District. (Welsh Preaching.)				
Merthyr-Tydvil	530	6 14 6		1 10 0
Crickhowell	495	9 15 0		2 9 1
Cardiff	248	5 5 9	17 9 4	1 11 0
Cowbridge.....	171	2 16 6	19 8 6	1 2 0
Brecon	136	3 0 0	25 15 9	1 5 9
Llandilo	174	4 7 6	27 6 0	1 3 0
Cardmarthen	362	6 16 0	22 19 6	2 3 0
Swansea.....	195	4 10 0		1 11 0
Lampeter and Cardigan ..	456	5 12 6	53 12 0	1 5 0
St. David's	92	2 15 6	31 14 0	0 16 0
Aberystwith	641	10 0 0		1 11 0
Machynlleth	401	5 5 0	21 17 11	1 5 6
Llanidloes	352	4 10 6	47 17 0	1 15 0
Additional Subscriptions ..		9 0 0		
Totals	4253	80 8 9	268 0 0	19 6 7

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XV. North Wales District. (Welsh Preaching.)	Nos.	Yearly Collection.	Grants.	July Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Ruthin and Denbigh	555	8 11 6	21 1 6	2 3 0
Llangollen.....	453	5 3 0	43 2 6	2 1 0
Corwen	191	2 11 0	36 0 0	0 17 0
Llanrwst	233	2 10 0	28 0 0	0 17 0
Abergele and Conway	441	6 15 0	8 0 0	1 10 0
Holywell	728	8 3 0	19 0 6	2 10 0
Mold	447	7 6 0	11 14 0	2 5 0
Llanasa, near Holywell ..	445	5 4 0		1 15 0
Beaumaris.....	385	5 11 0	13 0 6	1 1 0
Amlwch.....	593	6 17 0	44 8 0	1 6 0
Carnarvon.....	338	3 17 0		1 8 0
Bangor	562	5 15 0		1 15 0
Pwllheli.....	304	3 12 0	31 0 0	1 8 0
Barmouth.....	369	5 3 0	15 0 0	1 3 0
Dolgelly	496	5 6 0	20 10 0	1 6 0
Llanfyllin	630	11 0 0	35 0 0	2 2 0
Llanfair.....	273	5 0 0	14 10 0	1 14 0
Totals	7443	98 4 6	340 7 0	27 1 0
XVI. Birmingham and Shrewsbury District.				
Birmingham, West	1444	41 8 0		30 13 0
Birmingham, East	1046	23 15 0		23 2 0
West-Bromwich	637	18 0 0		19 18 9
Wednesbury	2064	46 10 0		33 10 0
Walsall	694	16 4 9	40 0 0	15 1 7
Wolverhampton	1329	40 13 6		37 1 0
Dudley	1651	33 5 9		32 0 0
Stourbridge	650	13 0 0	52 0 0	9 10 3
Stourport	560	11 1 6		8 11 6
Worcester	314	8 10 0	12 0 0	5 0 1
Bromsgrove	162	2 10 6	30 0 0	2 1 6
Evesham	243	4 10 0	21 10 0	4 7 0
Redditch	424	8 0 0		4 15 3
Coventry	303	5 11 0	61 0 0	2 10 0
Leamington	353	9 0 0	40 0 0	6 12 10
Stratford-upon-Avon	154	1 19 0	24 0 0	2 4 2
Hinckley	572	6 0 0		6 10 0
Shrewsbury	292	9 2 0	25 0 0	5 11 6
Madeley.....	1030	20 5 0	40 0 0	11 16 6
Wellington	640	7 0 0		8 0 0
Ludlow	518	5 12 6	43 10 0	3 16 6
Kington.....	381	6 12 0	20 0 0	5 2 0
Totals.....	15461	338 10 6	409 0 0	277 15 5
XVII. Macclesfield District.				
Macclesfield	1565	42 0 0		16 10 0
Buxton	460	11 0 0	52 0 0	5 5 10
Congleton	1040	18 0 0		7 5 0
Namptwich and Crewe....	595	11 10 0	21 0 0	8 0 0
Northwich.....	640	16 10 0		12 15 0
Buralem	924	22 1 1		9 11 7
Tunstall.....	925	15 10 0		5 16 0
Newcastle-under-Lyne ..	563	10 2 8	18 0 0	6 10 11
Loughton.....	312	7 0 0	40 0 0	5 12 6
Stafford	275	6 0 0	26 8 3	4 5 0

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		£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Leek	1040	26	0	0		15	11	0
Uttoxeter	471	4	0	0		3	16	8
Cheadle	181	2	14	6	15 0 0	2	9	6
Totals.....	8991	192	8	3	172 8 3	103	9	0
XVIII. <i>Liverpool District.</i>								
Liverpool, North	905	45	10	0		19	9	0
Liverpool, South	1600	67	0	0		31	11	3
Birkenhead	450	21	0	0		12	16	6
Liverpool, Welsh	555	12	0	0		4	2	0
Chester	797	20	10	0		11	13	9
Mold and Buckley-Mount	93	1	10	0	40 0 0	1	2	0
Carnarvon and Bangor....	36	1	17	6	59 0 0	2	7	6
Holyhead	47	1	0	0	41 0 0	1	5	0
Wrexham	390	6	1	6	20 0 0	5	10	0
Whitchurch	502	8	14	6		8	0	0
Warrington	408	13	3	0		10	13	0
Runcorn	631	16	0	0		5	0	0
St. Helen's and Prescot ..	488	12	16	0	40 0 0	9	4	6
Southport and Ormakirk ..	405	10	0	0	75 0 0	9	0	0
Wigan	513	9	6	0	27 0 0	6	15	0
Preston and Chorley.....	1143	25	0	0		21	0	0
Garstang	460	8	0	0	40 0 0	6	14	0
Lancaster	413	9	4	0	6 0 0	5	10	0
Newtown	615	8	0	0		6	0	0
Special Donations.....		32	0	0				
Totals.....	10451	328	12	6	348 0 0	177	13	6
XIX. <i>Manchester and Bolton District.</i>								
First Manchester	1237	55	0	0		29	3	0
Second Manchester	1550	53	0	0		31	17	6
Third Manchester.....	897	35	0	0		14	5	0
Fourth Manchester	813	27	5	0		14	14	9
Manchester, Welsh	181	3	5	0	13 6 8	0	15	0
Fifth Manchester	1160	160	0	0		27	4	3
Altrincham	468	14	14	0		10	9	6
Stockport, North	855	27	8	0		14	4	7
Stockport, South	695	14	14	0		7	1	8
New-Mills.....	434	12	14	6	24 0 0	5	15	0
Glossop	562	9	0	0	24 0 0	4	0	6
Ashton-under-Lyne.....	983	16	10	0	36 13 4	10	8	0
Oldham	730	15	0	0		13	16	9
Delph, Saddleworth	116	3	10	0	40 0 0	1	19	6
Bolton	2020	53	0	0		34	4	6
Rochdale	1108	21	5	0		13	5	3
Burnley	1027	25	6	0		13	4	0
Bury	863	21	2	0		11	1	8
Blackburn.....	524	12	17	6		6	10	0
Haslingden	896	13	10	6		8	1	7
Bacup	1562	22	10	0		9	0	0
Colne.....	542	7	11	0	35 0 0	5	14	0
Clitheroe	508	8	17	0	13 6 8	4	9	10

* This sum includes £100 given by G. R. Chappell, Esq., in his class.

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		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Leigh.....	420	6 0 0		5 5 0
Special Donations.....		58 10 0		
A Public Meeting in the New-Milla Circuit		10 0 0		
Totals	20101	707 9 6	186 6 8	296 10 9
XX. Halifax and Bradford District.				
Halifax	1112	24 0 0		14 12 5
Huddersfield, First	1139	20 0 0		1 15 4
Huddersfield, Second	718	15 0 0		8 17 0
Holmfirth	500	6 0 0		5 2 0
Sowerby-Bridge	951	15 10 0		10 0 0
Todmorden	1288	11 5 0		6 8 0
Denby-Dale	247	2 5 0	14 9 4	1 16 0
Bradford, West	1501	41 4 10		16 8 2
Bradford, East	1453	26 10 3		18 14 9
Great-Horton	720	7 13 0		6 0 0
Keighley	1856	23 15 0		15 13 4
Bingley	1070	9 0 0		6 10 0
Shipley	307	5 0 0		2 2 0
Skipton	514	7 0 0	36 0 0	4 16 6
Addingham	730	6 15 6	40 0 0	5 13 0
Grassington	330	3 3 3	22 13 3	1 5 0
Settle.....	314	3 10 0	25 6 9	4 0 6
Totals	14750	227 11 10	138 9 4	129 14 0
XXI. Leeds District.				
First Leeds	1444	60 0 0		20 3 7
Second Leeds	1617	63 4 10		25 16 10
Third Leeds	1321	26 0 0		13 0 4
Fourth Leeds	1241	28 2 2		11 0 10
Bramley	750	12 0 0	41 0 0	5 0 0
Wakefield	847	20 0 0	40 0 0	11 18 8
Birstal	1029	20 14 1		13 5 6
Dewsbury	1242	17 0 0		10 2 9
Knareborough.....	792	16 10 0		10 10 0
Otley	814	12 0 0		8 10 5
Pateley-Bridge.....	1038	10 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Pontefract	1357	28 0 0		17 19 0
Cleckheaton	181	4 0 3	30 0 0	2 8 2
Yeadon	422	5 0 0	15 0 0	2 0 6
Woodhouse-Grove	540	6 15 0	24 0 0	5 2 7
Subscriptions of Ministers and Laymen		79 16 3		
Totals	14635	407 2 7	160 0 0	161 19 2
XXII. Sheffield District.				
Sheffield, West	1509	46 0 0		27 5 6
Sheffield, East	1130	34 2 0		24 10 6
Chesterfield	382	7 10 0	80 0 0	4 9 4
Bakewell	95	1 1 0		1 10 0
Bradwell	543	4 12 0		5 0 0
Rotherham	532	19 8 0		10 15 3
Wath	556	10 0 0		6 1 0

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		£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Doncaster	1556	28	0	0		16	5	0
Barnsley	548	16	0	0		12	18	7
Retford	1014	14	5	0	40 0 0	9	10	0
Worksop	553	7	7	0		4	12	0
Totals	8418	188	5	0	120 0 0	122	17	2
XXIII. Nottingham and Derby District.								
Nottingham, South	1001	26	10	0	40 0 0	15	10	0
Nottingham, North	951	22	10	0		14	6	0
Ilkestone	244	3	7	6	12 0 0	3	1	0
Mansfield	655	10	10	0		7	0	0
Newark	1144	27	12	0		12	8	7
Bingham	505	7	0	0	40 0 0	4	13	6
Leicester	582	10	18	6		10	2	0
Melton-Mowbray	770	10	10	0		7	2	0
Oakham	235	4	0	0	25 5 0	2	1	0
Stamford	282	6	10	0	19 0 0	4	0	0
Grantham	453	7	0	0	31 0 0	7	0	0
Peterborough	489	6	13	1		4	14	6
Loughborough	685	7	10	0	40 0 0	8	14	11
Castle-Donington	616	6	6	0		5	0	2
Derby	978	28	0	0		16	10	0
Ashbourne	125	3	3	0	28 0 0	3	0	0
Belper	387	8	0	0	24 0 0	5	0	0
Ripley	214	5	6	0	20 0 0	4	17	0
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	572	11	0	0		9	2	6
Burton-on-Trent	350	5	10	0	62 0 0	4	10	0
Cromford	496	6	0	0	25 0 0	4	0	0
Additional Subscriptions ..		3	12	6				
Totals	11734	227	8	7	366 5 0	152	13	2
XXIV. Lincoln District.								
Lincoln	1544	30	0	0		16	9	1
Sleaford	1137	14	0	0		10	0	0
Market-Raisen	608	8	0	0		3	10	0
Louth	2386	27	2	10		9	19	9
Horncastle	1448	18	0	0		7	16	0
Alford	1140	16	10	0		8	3	6
Spilsby	750	4	0	0		6	0	0
Coningsby	350	10	5	0		2	15	0
Boston	1165	17	15	0		13	0	0
Wainfleet	633	8	0	0	40 0 0	4	4	9
Spalding	406	3	14	0	10 11 5	3	3	3
Bourne	211	4	0	0	28 11 5	2	5	0
Additional from a few Friends						4	10	0
Totals	11778	161	6	10	79 2 10	91	16	4
XXV. Hull District.								
Hull, West	1662	50	0	0		18	5	0
Hull, East	1405	30	0	0		10	11	0
Beverley	450	13	5	0		7	12	0
Driffield	764	16	0	0		9	10	0
Howden	1041	22	13	0		8	1	0

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		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Pattrington	437	8 12 6	18 0 0	3 1 0
Hornsea	441	8 14 0	53 0 0	4 2 0
Grimsby	1793	37 0 0		20 0 0
Gainsborough	1033	19 1 6		9 2 0
Epworth	651	6 15 0		3 2 0
Snaith	974	18 15 6		10 1 5
Brigg	781	7 15 0		4 16 3
Barton	1149	21 10 0		11 0 0
Bridlington	1158	20 10 0		10 10 0
Totals	13739	280 11 6	71 0 0	129 13 8
XXVI. York District.				
York	2020	52 10 0		24 17 6
Tadcaster	854	18 6 0		10 10 9
Pocklington	855	15 15 0		8 12 0
Malton	985	14 0 0	24 0 0	7 0 0
Easingwold	1322	20 0 0		9 0 0
Scarborough	1592	31 10 0		15 10 0
Pickering	994	11 7 0		6 2 0
Thirsk	844	16 0 0	24 0 0	7 8 6
Ripon	953	12 10 0	10 0 0	8 5 0
Selby	1164	27 14 6		11 3 2
Totals	11583	219 12 6	58 0 0	108 8 11
XXVII. Whitby and Darlington District.				
Whitby	1200	25 0 0		11 5 0
Stokesley	727	14 0 0	35 0 0	13 12 6
Darlington	686	20 0 0		11 5 0
Stockton	869	25 16 3		13 7 2
Barnard-Castle	656	10 13 0	80 0 0	6 0 0
Bishop-Auckland	525	12 16 6	40 0 0	7 0 0
Middleham	657	8 10 0		3 10 0
Richmond	348	6 11 3	22 0 0	4 4 0
Reeth	712	9 10 0		2 3 6
Bedale	841	9 10 0		3 15 0
Additional Subscriptions from Stokesley and Darlington		5 10 0		
Totals	7221	147 17 0	177 0 0	76 2 2
XXVIII. Newcastle District.				
Newcastle-on-Tyne	798	28 9 11	40 0 0	14 9 2
Gateshead	785	14 13 1		6 4 0
North-Shields	370	10 16 0		6 15 0
Blyth	190	2 1 6	15 0 0	1 3 8
South-Shields	355	6 13 3	10 0 0	4 1 3
Sunderland	851	20 0 0		12 3 6
Houghton-le-Spring	659	5 11 0		5 0 0
Durham	954	15 0 0	40 0 0	9 5 0
Wolsingham	660	8 0 0	11 0 0	4 7 0
Hexham	362	6 0 0		5 5 5
Sholey-Bridge	748	7 5 0	40 0 0	4 1 0
Alston	390	3 15 6	16 0 0	2 10 0

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly	Grants.	July
		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Allendale-Town	424	3 10 0		1 10 0
Alnwick.....	126	4 0 0	10 8 3	0 18 6
Berwick.....	59	2 0 0	30 0 0	0 9 0
Morpeth.....	60	1 10 0	50 0 0	0 8 0
Totals	7791	139 5 3	261 8 3	78 10 6
XXIX. Carlisle District.				
Carlisle	249	8 18 9	21 0 0	4 7 0
Brampton	188	3 6 6	24 0 0	1 16 6
Whitehaven	307	4 5 0	24 0 0	1 12 0
Workington	400	3 9 1		3 7 8
Appleby	428	4 19 0		3 0 0
Penrith	720	13 15 2		7 15 3
Wigton and Keswick	190	3 0 0	38 0 0	2 0 0
Kendal	628	7 3 0		4 13 0
Ulverstone.....	208	4 13 6	35 0 0	4 11 6
Dumfries	50	1 13 0	39 0 0	0 10 0
Additional Subscriptions ..		0 11 0		
Totals	3368	55 13 3	181 0 0	33 12 1
XXX. Isle of Man District.				
Douglas and Castletown ..	1289	15 0 0	.	6 14 0
Ramsay and Peel	1571	12 0 0		4 2 6
Totals	2860	27 0 0		10 16 6
XXXI. Edinburgh and Aberdeen District.				
Edinburgh.....	420	14 7 6	91 16 0	5 0 0
Dunbar	41	1 5 0	38 8 0	0 10 0
Greenock	82	0 17 6	24 0 0	
Glasgow, West.....	494	11 6 3	40 3 11	2 5 0
Glasgow, East	182	3 6 0		0 10 0
Airdrie	323	1 8 0		0 14 0
Stirling and Doune	28	0 9 0	36 12 0	0 15 0
Ayr	112	1 11 0	32 4 0	0 10 0
Aberdeen	269	6 6 0	60 12 0	1 14 0
Dundee	138	3 5 0	24 0 0	0 10 0
Perth	62	1 13 0	40 8 0	0 5 0
Arbroath and Montrose ..	97	3 3 0	32 8 0	1 4 0
Banff.....	62	1 7 0	50 4 0	0 10 6
Inverness	42	2 12 0	33 8 0	0 14 0
Additional Subscriptions ..		1 0 0		
Totals	2352	53 16 3	504 3 11	15 1 6
XXXII. Shetland Isles District.				
Lerwick.....	532	3 15 0	155 10 0	1 12 0
Walls.....	430	1 0 0	92 13 4	0 12 0
Northmavin, &c.	170	1 2 6	81 15 4	0 10 0
North Isles	151	0 15 0	60 1 4	0 11 0
Additional Subscriptions by Ministers		1 14 0		
Totals	1283	8 6 6	390 0 0	3 5 0

**GENERAL VIEW OF THE NUMBERS, AND THE YEARLY
AND JULY COLLECTIONS, AND ORDINARY DEFICIENCIES, 1852.**

DISTRICTS.	Nos.	Yearly	Grants.		July
		Collection.	£.	s. d.	Collection.
		£. s. d.	£.	s. d.	£. s. d.
London	18454	562 13 0	765 15 4		371 18 6
Bedford & Northampton	10017	179 13 5	318 0 0		115 2 8
Kent.....	6076	132 3 0	283 0 0		88 9 4
Norwich and Lynn	6470	111 2 7	469 15 0		78 0 8
Oxford.....	6235	107 16 9	290 0 0		82 5 11
Portsmouth.....	4293	96 7 6	249 4 8		69 12 5
Guernsey.....	3064	62 0 0	105 2 8		22 17 8
Devonport	6562	117 6 6	171 8 6		62 8 7
Cornwall	18224	216 16 0	172 0 0		92 5 1
Exeter	5315	96 7 10	390 14 0		63 2 0
Bristol	8247	206 0 0	600 16 8		115 2 3
Bath.....	7161	122 19 0	158 0 0		73 11 8
1st South Wales..	2943	66 15 0	106 0 0		37 2 7
2d South Wales..	4253	80 8 9	268 0 0		19 6 7
North Wales	7443	98 4 6	340 7 0		27 1 0
Birmingham and Shrewsbury....	15461	338 10 6	409 0 0		277 15 5
Macclesfield	8991	192 8 3	172 8 3		103 9 0
Liverpool.....	10451	328 12 6	348 0 0		177 13 6
Manchester and Bolton	20101	707 9 6	186 6 8		296 10 9
Halifax & Bradford	14760	227 11 10	138 9 4		129 14 0
Leeds	14635	407 2 7	160 0 0		161 19 2
Sheffield	8418	188 5 0	120 0 0		122 17 2
Nottingham and Derby	11734	227 8 7	366 5 0		152 13 2
Lincoln	11778	161 6 10	79 2 10		91 16 4
Hull.....	13739	280 11 6	71 0 0		129 13 8
York	11583	219 12 6	58 0 0		108 8 11
Whitby and Darlington.....	7221	147 17 0	177 0 0		76 2 2
Newcastle-on-Tyne	7791	139 5 3	261 8 3		78 10 6
Carlisle	3368	55 13 3	181 0 0		33 12 11
Isle of Man.....	2860	27 0 0			10 16 6
Edinburgh and Aberdeen.....	2352	53 16 3	504 3 11		15 1 6
Shetland Isles....	1283	8 6 6	390 0 0		3 5 0
Totals	281263	5967 11 8	8310 8 1		3288 6 7

2.—EXTRAORDINARIES.

(1).—TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

	£.	s.	d.
Brother J. L. Sanders, from Kilkhampton to Barking.....	6	0	0
James Kendall, 1st, from Bramley to Leyton (in part)	3	0	0
W. Allen, 3d, from Warminster to Colchester	5	0	0
Derry, from Bakewell to Tunbridge-Wells	1	10	0
E. Crofts, from Woodbridge to Dorking	2	0	0
J. Pearce, from Brackley to Higham-Ferrers	1	10	0
Lockyer, from Watlington to Tenterden	3	5	0
Hart, from Pateley-Bridge to Swaffham	2	0	0
J. Owen, from Dorking to Wisbeach	2	0	0
Baddeley, from Walsingham to Thetford	1	10	0
E. Toyne, from Brixham to Brackley	5	0	0
Joseph Bate, from Peterborough to Swanage	2	0	0
Barley, from Uxbridge to Ventnor	2	0	0
Beard, from Gosport to Andover	1	10	0
Budden, from Budleigh-Salterton to Andover	4	0	0
Jaulmes, from the South of France to Jersey	7	10	0
J. W. Cotton, from Shaftesbury to Kilkhampton.....	3	15	0
Telfer, from Uttoxeter to Kilkhampton.....	2	5	0
Jewett, from Daventry to Brixham (in part)	3	0	0
Hutchings, from Brigg to Holsworthy	1	10	0
G. Scott, 1st, from Chelsea to Truro (in part)	6	0	0
Hagen, from Belper to Gwennap (in part)	5	0	0
Hooley, from Pontefract to St. Austle (in part)	6	0	0
Mycok, from St. Columb to Budleigh-Salterton	2	0	0
J. Lewis, 2d, from Modbury to Lyme-Regis	1	8	0
Nance, from Lyme-Regis to Ilfracombe	2	0	0
Bestall, from Oakhampton to South-Moulton	2	5	0
Lowe, from Spalding to Torrington	8	0	0
J. Fletcher, from Merthyr-Tydvil to Downend	1	10	0
S. Taylor, from Hereford to Abergavenny	1	0	0
Britton, from St. Alban's to Monmouth	5	0	0
W. Shaw, 2d, from Alston to Monmouth	2	0	0
Meadmore, from Downend to Hereford	3	0	0
Burrows, from Spalding to Shepton-Mallet	8	2	6
W. Mearns, from Yarmouth to Castle-Carey	3	0	0
W. Baker, sen., from Monmouth to Shaftesbury.....	5	0	0
Way, from Tavistock to Merthyr-Tydvil	10	0	0
D. Jones, from Aberystwyth to Merthyr	1	10	0
T. Jones, 2d, from Carmarthen to Cardiff.....	1	18	0
I. Jenkins, from St. David's to Brecon.....	4	0	0
H. Wilcox, from Cardiff to Swansea	1	10	0
Timothy Jones, from Brecon to St. David's	4	0	0
H. Parry, from Merthyr to Aberystwyth	1	10	0
D. Gravel, from Carnarvon to Pwllheli.....	1	0	0
R. Jones, 1st, from Pwllheli to Carnarvon.....	1	5	0
S. Davies, 2d, from Manchester to Barmouth	3	5	0

TRAVELLING EXPENSES,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
Brother T. Brothwood, from Mildenhall to Kingston (in part)	2	0	0
J. B. West, from Maldon to Newcastle-under-Lyne	4	10	0
S. Haigh, from Allendale-Town to Holyhead	2	0	0
W. T. Nelson, from Holyhead to Wigan	1	13	6
D. Evans, 1st, from Barmouth to Manchester	3	0	0
Heak, from Shetland to Todmorden	15	0	0
T. J. Walker, from Appleby to Denby-Dale	4	0	0
Hodson, from Reading to Dewsbury	3	0	0
Turvey, from Whitchurch to Cleckheaton	5	0	0
Abbott, from Arbroath to Chesterfield	5	0	0
Mansie, from Wigton to Bakewell	4	0	0
Lyth, from Deptford to Nottingham	5	0	0
Parkinson, from Burton-upon-Trent to Sleaford	1	15	0
T. Haswell, from Wrexham to Beverley	7	10	0
E. B. Warters, from Inverness to Patrington	6	6	0
James Bate, from Bedale to Epworth	2	0	0
Bisell, from Downham to Brigg	2	17	0
J. T. Barr, from Great-Horton to Barningham	1	17	6
J. Lewis, 1st, from Kendal to Bedale	1	15	0
Salt, from Cheadle to Shotley-Bridge	3	3	0
Ballingall, from Alston to Whitehaven	2	0	0
S. Bowman, from Blyth to Appleby	2	16	0
J. Chalmers, from the Isle of Wight to Wigton	2	0	0
Duke, from Walsingham to Douglas	1	10	0
A. Rennard, from Oakham to Dunbar	3	0	0
N. Barr, from Guernsey to Arbroath	6	0	0
Edgar, from Alnwick to Inverness	5	0	0
Findlay, from Walls to Lerwick	1	12	0
Haworth, from North-Mavin to Dunrossness	2	0	0
Farquhar, from Dunrossness to Walls	1	10	0
Raw to Shetland	4	0	0
	<u>£264</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

(2.)—AFFLICTIONS.

	£.	s.	d.
Brother F. Barker, (Maldon,) for personal and family affliction	8	0	0
Pechey, (Lewes,) for severe and long-continued family affliction	15	0	0
J. Cooke, 3d, (St. Alban's,) for personal and family affliction	8	8	0
Buckley, (Dorking,) for heavy personal and family affliction	15	0	0
Knowles, (Croydon,) under peculiar affliction	20	0	0
J. Booth, (Leighton-Buzzard,) for severe and protracted family affliction	15	0	0
J. W. Wilson, (Biggleswade,) for long-continued personal affliction	7	0	0
Rodham, (Huntingdon,) for protracted family affliction	4	0	0
J. Pearce, (Higham-Ferrers,) for long-continued family affliction	3	0	0
J. Cooke, 1st, (Canterbury,) on account of severe and very protracted family affliction	25	0	0
T. Hulme, (Yarmouth,) for heavy family affliction	15	0	0
Ritchie, (Walsingham,) for severe and complicated affliction	15	0	0
J. Owen, (Wisbeach,) for family affliction	5	0	0
Bartholomew, (Brackley,) for severe and expensive family affliction	25	0	0

AFFLICTIONS,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
Brother Driver, (Watlington,) for severe and long-continued family affliction	10	0	0
Beard, (Andover,) for severe family affliction	8	0	0
William Worth, (Chichester,) for heavy family affliction	10	0	0
Ditto, for peculiar affliction of his son	15	0	0
De Putron, (Alderney,) for protracted family affliction	8	0	0
Jewell, (Launceston,) for severe and long-continued domestic affliction	15	0	0
Hopkins, (Tavistock,) on account of domestic affliction	6	0	0
Crawshaw, (Truro,) for severe and long-continued family affliction	10	0	0
Seccombe, (St. Austle,) for protracted family affliction	10	0	0
Mycock, (Budleigh-Salterton,) for family affliction	5	0	0
Funeral expenses of late Brother Culcheth (Bridgewater)	12	0	0
Brother H. Laughner, (Banwell,) for great domestic affliction	5	0	0
Webb, (Stroud,) on account of severe domestic affliction	5	0	0
Howe, (Dursley,) on account of severe and protracted affliction	10	0	0
Funeral expenses of late Brother J. P. James (Cardiff)	12	0	0
Brother T. Payne, (Devizes,) for severe and protracted family affliction	10	0	0
J. Goodwin, (Weymouth,) for severe personal affliction	15	0	0
W. Baker, sen., (Shaftesbury,) peculiar affliction of his son	15	0	0
W. Way, (Merthyr-Tydvil,) for long-continued family affliction	15	0	0
R. Hughes, (Merthyr-Tydvil,) for severe family affliction	5	0	0
T. Jones, (St. David's,) for severe and protracted family affliction	12	0	0
Owen, (Denbigh,) for personal and family affliction	10	0	0
Robert Jones, 1st, (Carnarvon,) for family affliction	15	0	0
Prichard, (Beaumaris,) for family affliction	10	0	0
G. Southern, for severe affliction (omitted last year)	8	0	0
H. Powis, (Stourport,) for severe and distressing family affliction	8	0	0
Vibert, (Evesham,) for personal and family affliction	10	0	0
Atkinson, (Buxton,) for severe family affliction	5	0	0
Birley, (Newcastle-under-Lyne,) for severe and protracted family affliction	10	0	0
Pedley, (Newtown,) on account of severe domestic affliction	5	0	0
Mansie, (Bakewell,) for family affliction	5	0	0
Harding, (Chesterfield,) for family affliction	5	0	0
E. Horton, (Melton-Mowbray,) on account of severe personal affliction	5	0	0
J. H. Faull, (Peterborough,) for serious personal and family affliction	5	0	0
E. Watson, (Loughborough,) for severe personal affliction	5	0	0
W. B. Dennis, (Cromford,) on account of severe personal affliction	3	0	0
T. Stephenson, (Tadcaster,) for long affliction	10	0	0
Funeral expenses of the late Brother Wilkinson (Tadcaster)	12	0	0
Brother W. Beattie, (Alston,) for heavy affliction	10	0	0
Currelly, (Ulverstone,) for severe and protracted family affliction	5	0	0
Ballingall, (Whitehaven,) for severe affliction	5	0	0
Beckwith, (late,) (Ayr,) for severe and expensive affliction	12	0	0
Ditto, funeral expenses	12	0	0
Edgar, (Inverness,) for severe and long-continued affliction	12	0	0
Turner, (Edinburgh,) for lengthened family affliction	4	0	0
	£584	8	0

(3.)—FURNITURE.

	£.	s.	d.
Weston-super-Mare.....	40	0	0
Pontypool.....	20	0	0
Runcorn	20	0	0
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	£80	0	0

(4.)—MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

	£.	s.	d.
Brother J. Kendall, 1st, expenses of lodgings for a month.....	4	10	0
Ditto, extraordinary deficiency in Leyton.....	10	0	0
Brother W. Allen, 3d, deficiency in Warminster.....	5	0	0
Supplying the place of Brother James Cooke, 3d, in St. Alban's ...	3	10	0
Brother Knowles's Assistant in Croydon	48	6	0
Brother A. Hume, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	4	0	0
Ditto, deficiency in Ilkestone.....	20	0	0
Supplying the place of Brother J. W. Wilson in Biggleswade	12	0	0
Brother Wedlock's expenses in travelling his Circuit	5	0	0
Brother Hopewell, under peculiar circumstances.....	15	0	0
Brother Mortimer, towards keeping a horse	10	0	0
The Diss Circuit, towards the support of the third Minister	40	0	0
Brother Rigby, towards his support in Norwich	35	16	0
Brother Wilde, towards his support in Norwich	35	16	0
Brother Hulme, towards his support in Yarmouth	20	0	0
Brother Poulton, towards his support in Framlingham	40	0	0
Brother Clegg, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary ...	4	0	0
Brother Moody, towards the keep of a horse	10	0	0
Supplying the place of Brother Jewell in Launceston.....	10	10	0
Brother Robinson, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	3	0	0
Brother Hayman, a newly-married Minister (omitted last year) ...	40	0	0
Brother T. James, a newly-married Minister (omitted last year) ...	11	13	4
Supplying the place of the late Brother Evans in Banwell	5	0	0
Brother C. Cooke's Assistant in Bristol, North (in part).....	21	0	0
Supplying the place of Brother C. Howe in Dursley	15	15	0
Brother S. Brown, 1st, carriage of boxes on becoming a Super- numerary	5	0	0
Brother Cornforth, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	2	17	0
Brother Hateley, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	1	17	0
Supplying Brother Goodwin's place in Weymouth	10	10	0
Brother Hill, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary.....	2	10	0
Brother Button, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary...	1	9	6
Brother Colbron, a newly-married Minister (omitted last year).....	28	14	0
Expenses of a Minor District-Meeting at Machynlleth	5	2	0
Brother Anwyl, towards the keep of a horse	10	0	0
Brother R. Bonner, towards the keep of a horse	10	0	0
Brother Southern, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	4	0	0
Brother Catterick, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	3	0	0
Brother E. Sumner, carriage of boxes on becoming a Super- numerary	4	0	0
Brother T. Edwards, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Expenses of a temporary supply, &c., in Evesham	6	10	0
Expenses of a Minor District-Meeting in Evesham	5	0	0
Supplying the place of Brother Bryant in Kingston.....	10	10	0
Brother Heys, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary ...	1	9	0
Brother Totherick, towards travelling expenses in his Circuit	5	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
Brother Burgess, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	1	16	0
Expenses of a supply in the Preston Circuit.....	36	15	0
Expenses of a Minor District-Meeting	3	17	6
Brother James Allen, 3d, a newly-married Minister	8	0	0
Brother M. Rayner, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	2	10	0
Brother T. H. Brocklehurst, a newly-married Minister	8	15	0
Allowed to Brother Longden, towards expenses incurred in extra travelling	5	0	0
Brother Levell, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Supplying the place of late Brother Crabtree, Pateley-Bridge, 1851	5	5	0
Brother Harding, for expenses incurred in the Chesterfield Circuit	2	10	0
Supplying the place of late Brother Keeling in Barnaley	21	0	0
Brother Brocksop, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary, 1851	2	2	0
Supplying the place of late Brother Clayton in Mansfield	15	15	0
Minor District-Meeting in Boston	4	5	6
Carriage of late Brother Wilkinson's boxes from Tadcaster to Market-Raisen	2	8	0
Supplying the place of Brother T. H. Walker in Horncastle	10	10	0
Expenses of Special and Adjourned District-Meetings in Louth ...	35	14	0
Brother J. Bate, for horse-hire in 1851.....	10	0	0
Brother Harrop, a newly-married Minister (omitted)	26	13	4
Brother J. Lewis, 1st, towards the keep of a horse	10	0	0
Supplying Brother Beattie's place in Alston.....	8	8	0
Brother Haswell's Assistant in Newcastle-upon-Tyne (in part).....	54	10	0
Supplying the place of late Brother Beckwith in Ayr	21	0	0
Supplying the place of Brother Edgar in Inverness.....	5	5	0
Two rates for the erection of a parish manse, Lerwick	4	16	4
Advertisements for Shetland	0	14	6
Rev. J. Stephenson to and from Shetland.....	8	0	0
Brother Hesik, carriage of luggage from Shetland to Todmorden ...	5	0	0
Brother Kemshall, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	2	14	6
Chairmen's visits to solitary stations	39	11	1
Allowed to Brother Worker, Holt Circuit.....	13	6	0
Allowed to Brother Badcock, Holt Circuit	13	6	0
Supplying the place of Brother Horton, Derby	10	10	0
Expenses of the Memorial Committee; viz., travelling expenses, printing documents, &c.	325	1	4
Parliamentary Papers, printing, advertising, and other expenses of the Committee of Privileges	47	15	5
The Corresponding Secretary of the Contingent Fund, for Circuit-schedules, postages, and travelling expenses.....	15	19	11
Printing Pastoral Addresses and other Connexional Documents ...	72	10	6
Printing Yearly and July Collection Papers	48	5	0
Expenses attending the Special Examination, in London, of Candidates for our Ministry.....	69	8	0
Treasurer's stationery, letters, parcels, and box, &c.	3	5	0
Treasurer's travelling expenses to Conference (in part)	2	10	0
The expenses of Brother R. Young in attending the Second South Wales District-Meeting	5	15	0
The expenses of the President and Dr. Newton in attending the North Wales District-Meeting	2	19	0
The expenses of the President and Dr. Newton in attending the Irish Conference	7	5	0
The expenses of the President in visiting Scotland	7	7	6

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
The President's and Secretary's official letters, stationery, carriage of parcels, &c.	10	1	9
Dr. Newton's Assistant	80	0	0
Interest of Money borrowed, and Bank commission	298	7	3
Paid to William Burnett.....	65	2	0
Deficiency in Brother George Smith's allowance in Wakefield	8	11	0
Paid on account of the Committee for Defending the Property of the Connexion	32	12	6
Allowed by the Contingent-Fund Committee towards the support of Ministers deficient in their incomes in several Circuits	300	0	0
Amount of Miscellaneous Expenses	2,369	18	9
Ditto, Travelling Expenses.....	264	3	6
Ditto, Afflictions	584	8	0
Ditto, Furniture	80	0	0
Total amount of Extraordinaries	£3,298	10	3

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Dr. 1852.	<i>The Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.</i>		1852.		<i>Per Contra.</i>		Cr.	
	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.
To Yearly Collection, 1852	5,967	11 8	By Balance due to the Treasurers, August, 1851	4,640	5 5			
To July Collection, 1852	3,288	6 7	By amount paid for Ordinary Deficiencies, 1852	8,310	8 1			
To payment from the Executors of the late Robert Scott, Esq., towards the support of the work of God in Shetland			By amount paid for Extraordinary Deficiencies, 1852	3,298	10 3			
To Legacy from the late Miss Harvey (less Property-tax)	85	3 10	By Grant for Ireland	650	0 0			
To Donation from Mr. Bower, 6th London	23	6 0						
To Donation from Mrs. Le Marchant, ditto	1	0 0						
To Thetford July Collection, 1851	7	2 6						
To Donation from Thomas Farmer, Esq.	50	0 0						
To Donation from Mrs. Walker, Cheltenham ...	10	10 0						
To Donation from a Friend, per Rev. John Kirk	1	1 0						
To Amount received from the Missionary Committee, in compensation for returned Missionaries, taken into the work at home	630	0 0						
To Balance due to the Treasurers, August, 1852	6,834	1 2						
	<u>£16,899 3 9</u>						<u>£16,899 3 9</u>	

Examined and found correct, with a Balance of Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds, One Shilling, and Two Pence due to the Treasurers.

FRANCIS SHAW,
J. VANNER.

August 28th, 1852.

II.

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHILDREN'S
FUND FOR THE YEAR 1851-1852.*Treasurers*,—JOHN LOFTHOUSE and S. D. WADDY.

Dr.	£.	s.	d.	Cr.	£.	s.	d.
To Balance of Receipts over payments in the following Districts:—				By Balance due to the Treasurers, as per last published Statement ...	549	5	5
London	111	9	1	By Amount paid to the Treasurers of Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools towards the support of two hundred and forty-one boys at school at the rate of £6. 6s. each	1,518	6	0
Bedford and Northampton	122	17	0	Less by allowance for boys returned home before the termination of the year	17	17	8
Kent	45	13	6				
Guernsey and Jersey...	30	14	3	By Amount paid on account of education to twenty-one and a quarter sons of Supernumerary and deceased Ministers	255	0	0
Devonport	38	17	0	By Amount paid on account of education to fifty-nine daughters of Ministers	495	12	0
Cornwall	448	6	0	By Balance of Payments over Receipts in the following Districts:—			
Bath	44	9	2	Norwich and Lynn ...	47	5	2
North Wales	100	0	0	Oxford	21	7	6
Birmingham and Shrewsbury	127	11	6	Portsmouth	27	11	6
Macclesfield	202	7	9	Exeter	30	18	3
Liverpool	72	9	0	Bristol	25	15	0
Manchester and Bolton	282	1	6	First South Wales	20	9	6
Halifax and Bradford..	334	7	3	Second South Wales ...	69	13	6
Leeds	182	14	0	Edinburgh	160	13	0
Sheffield	143	15	6	Shetland	34	13	0
Nottingham and Derby	89	9	3	By Balance of a Special Grant in the Oxford District	7	4	0
Lincoln	218	17	0	By Interest, Commission, and Postage	34	5	8
Hull	195	6	2				
York	200	0	6				
Whitby and Darlington	69	6	0				
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	90	16	8				
Carlisle	36	4	6				
Isle of Man	47	15	6				
	£3,235	8	1				
Balance due to Treasurers	44	13	9				
	£3,280	1	10		£3,280	1	10

Audited and found correct, August 20th, 1852.

SAMUEL HILL SMITH,
JOHN JONES.

No. CX.

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Q. I. WHO are now ADMITTED as Ministers INTO FULL CON-
NEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain*,

(1.) William Harley, who has travelled six years ;

(2.) Thomas Akroyd, John Baker, John Bate, Richard Bell,
Henry Cattle, Joseph R. Cleminson, Jonathan Dent, James D.
Dodgson, Joshua Duffill, John T. Duncan, William Fern,
Charles Garrett, John Gilbert, Samuel T. Greathead, Francis
W. Greeves, Frederick C. Haime, Robert W. Horsfield, Henry
W. Jackson, B.A., John Jeffreys, Isaac Jones, William Lees,
Joshua Mason, James F. Masters, Marmaduke C. Osborn, Jabez
Overton, Thomas Pearson, 4th, Miles B. Pickering, Joseph
Posnet, John Poulton, John Reacher, John V. B. Shrewsbury,
Joseph Simpson, James Smith, John S. Vickers, Thomas Vinson,
John Walter, William Watson, Joseph Willis, George E.
Young ;—

[Robert Horwood has retired for want of health ;—]

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, Walter J. Davis, Joseph
Rippon ;

Also, Joseph D. M. Ludorf, Robert A. Temple, *Assistant
Missionaries* ;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, Robert Collier, Robert Johnston, James
Shaw.

Q. II. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain*,

(1.) John Hutchings, who is continued on trial solely on account
of the state of his health ;

(2.) George E. Allen, Samuel Atkinson, 2d, Benjamin Browne,
John Dixon, David Evans, 2d, George Follows, Joseph W.
Frankland, Edward Guest, Thomas Haslam, George P. Hester,
John Hughes, 2d, John Knowles, 2d, George Lough, Alfred
Mewton, Charles Nuttall, Henry Parry, John Pogson, James L.
Posnet, Thomas S. Raby, Francis J. Sharr, Samuel S. Taylor,
William J. Tweddle, Thomas Wilde, Charles J. Williams,
Joseph Williams, William L. Wingell ;—

[Robert M. Woodward has retired for want of health ;—]

2. In our *Foreign Missions*,

(1.) William J. Hill, who has travelled four years, and is con-
tinued on trial on account of the state of his health ;

(2.) William Byrnes, James Elliott, John W. Pemell, and James Somerville, *Assistant Missionaries*, who have travelled four years ;

(3.) William Beach, Charles H. Bishop, Thomas Cannell, Robert W. Clegg, Aaron Edman, Richard Fletcher, Ebenezer A. Gardiner, Joseph Gaskin, Robert Gilbert, Theophilus S. Gregory, John Polglase, William P. Wells, Henry P. Wilson ;

Also, John Armstrong, 3d, George Douglas, William Holdsworth, James Kerr, William Moore, Paul Rodrigo, John C. Symons, George W. Tuttle, Joseph Waterhouse, Charles White, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, John Gilcriest, Robert Hazleton, Thomas A. McKee, Thomas Pearson, John R. Porter, William Quaile ;—

These have travelled THREE YEARS :

1. In *Great Britain*, George Bowden, William H. Cave, James Chalmers, M.A., John Cope, William W. Duke, Isaac Gould, William Hamar, Edwin Hirst, John Hooton, Walter P. Johns, Robert Jones, 3d, John Longden, Albert H. M'Tier, George W. Olver, B.A., Theophilus Pearson, John Rhodes, Robert Stephenson, B.A., William Swindells, Edward A. Telfer, George Walker, James R. Webb, Humphrey M. Wightwick, Robert N. Young ;—

[George B. Gaskell has retired for want of health ;—]

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, Thomas M. Albrighton, George Piercy, Lionel D. Reay, Joseph Rylance ;

Also, John Ossu Ansah, Alexander B. Black, George P. Brown, Joel Bulu, Joseph Dare, Joseph Dawson, Joseph Fillingham, Robert C. Flockhart, Thomas Gaetz, Timothy Laing, Wesley Langy, John Latu, Joshua Matayenaniu, Frederick W. Moore, D. Henry Pereira, Charles W. Rigg, Joseph H. Starr, William Tweedy, Paul Vea, Samuel Waterhouse, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, John W. Ballard, Thomas Guard, Thomas Moran, William G. Price ;—

These have travelled TWO YEARS :

1. In *Great Britain*, John A. Armstrong, Frederick Balls, Robert Balshaw, William Barrowclough, George O. Bate, Joseph Bellamy, Alfred Beresford, Charles Bingant, John Bond, Thomas Brackenbury, Joseph Bush, John Cooper, Edwin Cox, William Dodsworth, Joseph Dyson, William H. W. Evans, William Gibson, B.A., George Holbrey, Featherstone Kellett, Charles Lawton, William Mollard, Thomas Natrass, Jakeh Oats, Thomas L. Parker, William Pepperell, Henry J. Piggott, B.A., James Prescott, Marshall Randles, William Robinson, William Unsworth, John S. Vint, Samuel Wray ;—

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, Henry Andrews, William Barber,

James H. Bishop, Arminius Burgess, Josiah Cox, John S. Fordham, James Hutchings, John Moses, Paul Prestwood, Tilney Rising, John Smith, 4th, Theophilus Taylor, John Vercoe, William Wilson, 5th ;

Also, Othello Bayard, Alexander M. Desbrisay, George N. A. F. T. Dickson, Joseph Fernando, Simon Gasperson, James Hobday, Henry Pereira, John S. Phinney, James Solomon, Henry Tindall, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, George Alley, Robert Crook, A.B., James Edwards, Oliver M'Cutcheon, John Wilson, Charles Wood ;—
These have travelled ONE YEAR.

Q. III. What Preachers are NOW RECEIVED ON TRIAL ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain*, Henry C. Howard ;—

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, John Bowes, James Burns, Joshua Chapman, Duncan Currie, Robert Duncan, Peter James Evers, John Faubula, Charles Gaskin, William H. Griffith, Joseph Hart, Gilbert Irvine, Hezekiah M'Keoun, William C. M'Kinnon, George Payson, George Pickering, William J. K. Piddington, Charles Stewart, Robert Tweedy, Peter Vi, John Whewell, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

3. And, in *Ireland*, Thomas Cooke, James Donnelly, William Gorman, Samuel Patterson.

Q. IV. What Ministers have DIED since the last Conference ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain*, the *seventeen* following :—

(1.) JAMES SHOAR ; who was a native of Frome, in Somersetshire. He was converted to God in early life ; and, having been some time actively and acceptably employed as a Local Preacher, was accepted by the Conference, in 1813, as a candidate for our ministry. From that time to his death he maintained the truth with purity and simplicity. He was firmly attached to our doctrines and discipline, and endeavoured zealously and with uncorruptness to teach the one, and firmly as well as kindly to enforce the other. His natural disposition was frank and affectionate, and he was much beloved, both as a Pastor and a friend. His habits of punctuality and diligence in the discharge of his Circuit duties were exemplary ; his preaching was always earnest and acceptable, frequently powerful ; and he had generally the satisfaction of leaving his Circuits in spiritual prosperity. His last appointment was to the superintendency of the Bradford West Circuit. Here his health began rapidly to fail ; so that, for a considerable portion of the year, he was not equal to his duties. Notwithstanding, such was the esteem in which he was held, that he was invited to remain a second year. During the progress of his affliction he suffered great mental depression ; superinduced, doubtless, by his disease. The visits of his

Christian friends, and especially of his brethren in the ministry, were singularly useful to him; and they seldom separated without his shedding tears of joy. His sufferings were always oppressive, often severe, especially toward their close; but grace triumphed. His faith became fixed, his assurance full, and his prospects bright. Thus he died, joying in the Lord, and rejoicing in the God of his salvation, September 10th, 1852, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, having been in the ministry thirty-nine years.

(2.) MICHAEL COUSIN. He was born at Haworth, March 20th, 1782. From early life he was the subject of the strivings of the Holy Spirit. Having heard his parents speak respectfully of the Methodist Ministers, he was induced to go and hear them; and, under deep convictions of sin, he sought and found pardoning mercy through Christ. He joined the Methodists in March, 1802, and soon after began to preach. At the Conference of 1804, he was appointed to a Circuit, and continued to labour with earnestness, as his strength would allow, until the close of life. He was stationed in the Halifax Circuit, as a Supernumerary, by the Conference of 1846, and was greatly esteemed for his fervency and zeal. For some time prior to his death, he suffered from disease of the heart, of which he was fully aware; and, as "a wise servant," he was found "watching" for the coming of his Lord, with firm confidence in the gracious designs of his heavenly Father. It afforded him sincere pleasure to meet his brethren; and he greatly desired such opportunity for Christian conversation and prayer. In many Circuits, God was pleased to grant him success in his ministry. He possessed a vigorous frame; and with devout ardour he gave himself to his work, and with untiring zeal and effort endeavoured to spread "the glorious Gospel of the blessed God." He died November 6th, 1852, in the seventy-first year of his age, and the forty-ninth of his ministry.

(3.) CHARLES HOSKINS; who, in his sixteenth year, obtained a "knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins." He was a young man of amiable spirit, of deep and uniform piety; and his zeal for God was fervent and active. His labours, during his brief career, were specially owned of God, and were made a great blessing to many. On the 17th of November, 1852, he triumphantly entered into rest, in the twenty-seventh year of his age, and the first of his probationary ministry.

(4.) THOMAS JEWELL; who was born in the parish of Morwinstow, near Kilkhampton, Cornwall, in the year 1798. He was led in childhood to Divine worship in the Established Church, and lived from early years under the influence of the fear of God. At the age of twenty he became the subject of vital godliness. While he was listening to a Wesleyan Minister in what was then termed the Stratton Mission, the word of truth

was applied to his heart by the Holy Spirit, convincing him of sin; and he then sought and found pardon and peace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. About two years after, he began to call sinners to repentance; and having laboured successfully for several years as a Local Preacher, he was introduced into our ministry, in which he continued to the day of his death with an unblemished reputation, and with much usefulness in the several Circuits to which he was appointed. Anxieties and labours in the last few years overcame his strong and enduring constitution; and he was necessitated, by this failure of his strength, to have his place supplied, and never recovered his former vigour. After being appointed to Holsworthy in 1852, he lived only until the 30th of December, when he departed to be with Christ, in the fifty-fourth year of his age. His death, though rather sudden, was eminently happy; and his last expressions were, "I am going home! 'Hark! hark! they whisper!' Hallelujah!"

(5.) WILLIAM BEATTIE, of the Abergavenny Circuit. He had the fear of God before his eyes from his youth; and about the age of thirteen he became the subject of deep convictions of sin, began to meet in class, and found peace with God. In 1848, under the impression of a Divine call, he gave himself to the work of the ministry. He was a truly excellent young man; winning, by exemplary conduct, the esteem and affection of all who knew him. By a blessing upon his own diligence, and the efficient training he received at Didsbury, he seemed prepared to be an able and useful Minister of the church of Christ. But his term of ministerial service was brief. The rapid development of pulmonary disease abruptly ended his labours, and he was removed to an early reward. He died in great peace, at Crickhowell, December 31st, 1852, in the twenty-sixth year of his age, and the second of his ministry.

(6.) GEORGE DOUGLAS, 1st; who was born at Winlaton, October 12th, 1764, of pious parents. The Christian example and counsels of his mother deeply affected his mind; and, hearing Mr. Wesley preach at Newcastle, in 1784, he resolved to unite himself with the Methodist Society there. Trusting in Christ, his soul was filled with peace and joy. He now began, with fear and trembling, to call sinners to repentance; and, at the Conference of 1793, was appointed to a Circuit. He continued humbly, laboriously, and faithfully to discharge his duties as a Christian Minister until 1829, when he became a Supernumerary. While praying with a dying woman, in 1850, he was seized with paralysis, from which time his mental powers rapidly failed. His character was marked by humility and Christian simplicity. His last illness was short: consciousness, and ability to speak, were mercifully granted until within a few hours of his release. He dwelt with much pleasure upon his favourite text,

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." His last words were, "Behold, behold the Lamb!" He exchanged mortality for life at Darlington, February 15th, 1853, in the eighty-ninth year of his age, and the sixtieth of his ministry.

(7.) JOHN FELVUS; who was born at New-Martin, Shropshire. His mother was a pious woman, who, after some years of thoughtlessness on his part, had the happiness of seeing him give his heart to God. He was deeply convinced of sin while returning one evening from a theatre, and began to seek the Lord with all his heart. The following day he obtained peace with God. Having found mercy himself, he yearned for the salvation of others, and immediately after his conversion expressed to his mother a desire to become a Missionary. He laboured for several years as a Local Preacher; but during that time he was deeply convinced that it was his duty to offer himself as a Missionary to the West Indies. His way at length having been opened, he was proposed and accepted as a Missionary candidate; and shortly after he sailed for the West Indies, in November, 1819. He laboured with zeal and success in the islands of Nevis, Tortola, Dominica, and Antigua. His ministry united affectionate tenderness with bold rebuke and evangelical fidelity. Affliction, persecution, and the various trials of Missionary life, he endured with Christian fortitude and cheerfulness. With a winning disposition, and a heart breathing the tenderest concern for others, he lived in the affections of the people; whilst many who had been opposed to the Missionary work were, by his truly Christian efforts, won over to the side of its friends. After his return from the Mission-field, he laboured in various Circuits at home: his health subsequently failing, he occupied the position of a Supernumerary for the last five years. He died suddenly, March 4th, 1853, in the fifty-sixth year of his age, and the thirty-fourth of his ministry.

(8.) JOSHUA FIELDEN; who died March 7th, 1853, in the seventy-sixth year of his age, and the fifty-fourth from the commencement of his itinerancy. By the Divine blessing on the ministry of early Methodist Preachers, he was led, in the morning of life, to devote himself to Christ. At an early period of his public career he manifested zeal, and encountered no little hardship; but his labours were prematurely interrupted by bodily affliction, and by peculiarities which gave pain to his brethren, but which they were led to regard with the utmost possible forbearance. For some months before his death, he had more earnestly given himself up to Scripture reading and spiritual contemplation. Of these exercises, hallowed by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the fruits were new fortitude in pain, resignation, and confidence in the prospect of eternity. "I wish," said he, "to have no will of my own: I leave all to the love, power,

wisdom, and sovereignty of God." "I cannot talk much: take this for all—Christ is mine, and I am His, to all eternity."

(9.) JAMES BAKER; who was born in London, in the year 1789. His parents were Nonconformists, and endeavoured to train him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; but he remained a stranger to the power of godliness until he was brought into association with Wesleyan Methodism, and thereby led to embrace that salvation which is by faith in Jesus Christ. After his conversion, he became zealous for the salvation of souls, exercising his talents as a Sunday-school Teacher and Local Preacher, until the year 1814, when he received an appointment to the Warminster Circuit. During thirty years he laboured in the ministry, and in some Circuits with considerable acceptance and success. In 1844 he became a Supernumerary, and resided in the Third London Circuit. In his last affliction he expressed full assurance of a saving interest in Christ; and died in peace, March 9th, 1853, aged sixty-three.

(10.) DANIEL OSBORNE; who was born at St. Just, Cornwall, in 1785. He was early in life convinced of sin, and led to cast his soul upon the Atonement. Having obtained mercy, he felt it his duty to devote himself to the work of the ministry, to which he was set apart in 1815. He possessed a vigorous understanding, which, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, rendered his ministry impressive and successful. This, together with his amiable disposition, caused him to be universally esteemed by those among whom he laboured. In consequence of protracted affliction, he was obliged, in 1837, to withdraw from the stated duties of the ministry, and retire to Uley, in the Dursley Circuit. Towards the close of life, his sufferings were intense; but he manifested the greatest patience. There were times when he was powerfully assailed by the great adversary; but his faith triumphed in the Atonement. He could say,

"This all my hope, and all my plea,—
For me the Saviour died."

He frequently exclaimed, "Come, Lord Jesus! come quickly." He finished his course, March 11th, 1853, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, and the thirty-eighth of his ministry.

(11.) JOHN HODGSON. He entered on the itinerant work in 1797. He was a man of great simplicity of character, diligent, faithful, and laborious in the Circuits to which he was appointed. He retired from the regular work of the ministry in the year 1836. During the lengthened period that he was a Supernumerary, he was willing, to the extent of his ability, to labour in the cause of his Divine Master; but for several years previous to his departure, his infirmities were such as to prevent his engaging in any public service. He died in peace on the 27th of March, 1853.

(12.) BENJAMIN CLOUGH; who was born at Bradford, Yorkshire, in the year 1791. When about twelve years of age, he attended the weekly meetings for young people held by the Rev. John Crosse, Vicar of Bradford. By the blessing of God upon the advice and prayers of that venerable Minister, Mr. Clough was convinced of sin, and of his need of a Divine Saviour. At the age of seventeen, he united himself to the Methodist Society in that town; and, not long after, found peace with God. The great and gracious change wrought in him was manifest in its appropriate fruits, especially in his zeal for the salvation of his fellow-men. He delighted in attending prayer-meetings in the circumjacent villages; occasionally giving a word of exhortation. Soon he began to preach, and was made useful to many. His character and labours endeared him greatly to the people of God in Bradford and the neighbourhood. He was recommended to Dr. Coke as a suitable travelling companion. From the very first interview, the Doctor was pleased with his decision and promptitude; and as Mr. Clough's character was gradually developed by daily converse and observation, Dr. Coke fixed upon him as a fitting labourer in the Mission to India. Nor was his judgment mistaken. Mr. Clough was the Doctor's faithful companion to the day of his death; and when, by that painful dispensation of Divine Providence, the Mission to the East was deprived of its head and guide, Mr. Clough cheered his companions by his steadfast faith in God, and the buoyancy of his hopes. On their arrival in Ceylon, he set himself down to the work of teaching a school of natives at Point-de-Galle; but he soon took a foremost position among the most successful students of the vernacular and classical languages of the island. He compiled two invaluable dictionaries, English and Singhalese, and Singhalese and English, which were published at the expense of the Colonial Government, and have been of incalculable value to his successors in the Mission, and to others who have acquired the Singhalese. He was one of the translators of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament into the Singhalese language; and he assisted in preparing for the press a translation of the New Testament into Pali, the language regarded by the Buddhists as sacred. As a Preacher to the natives, he was most zealous and successful; presenting himself at their public assemblies to argue with the learned, and to declare the truths of the Gospel to the multitude. During the first year of his labours, he won the confidence, and convinced the judgment, of many distinguished men among the Heathen; and assisted to form that system of evangelization which has blessed many thousands of persons in the island of Ceylon. Most ardent was his attachment to the Mission-work; and twice he returned to its toils and dangers, after brief visits to his native land for the recovery of

impaired health. His private journal while abroad bears ample testimony to the vigilance with which he kept his own heart; to his earnest care for maintaining personal godliness in all its vitality; and also to the rich and sustaining consolations of Divine grace by which he was cheered amidst the depressing trials of the Missionary life, and solaced under the domestic bereavements with which God was pleased to chasten him. After twenty-five years of devoted labour and manifold sufferings, Mr. Clough was constrained, by an enfeebled state of health, to bid a final and most reluctant farewell to Ceylon. But though no longer on the Mission-field, he retained his love to that work unabated; and, during the fourteen years of his ministry in this country, cheerfully seized every opportunity to advocate the cause of Missions, to increase the number of its friends, and to promote its efficiency. In spirit, he was kind, ingenuous, and noble, free from envy and petty jealousies. He loved and honoured his brethren in the ministry, and was careful not to injure their reputation, or weaken their influence among our people. In conversation, he was cheerful and instructive; in deportment, affable and devout; in labours, ready to the utmost of his ability, yea, and beyond it. When obliged to retire from the itinerancy, at the Conference of 1852, he settled near Southwark chapel, in which he had been solemnly set apart to the work of the Christian ministry. His spirit and preaching greatly edified the people of God, and much endeared him to them. They hoped that a protracted and tranquil decline would follow his long period of service. But his own especial desire was granted in a death, to his friends, most afflictive in its suddenness, though to himself, without doubt, most glorious in his speedy admission into the presence of his Lord and Saviour. He almost literally "ceased at once to work and live;" and died on Wednesday, the 13th of April, 1853, in the sixty-first year of his age, and in the fortieth of his ministry. "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when He cometh, shall find so doing."

(13.) JOHN KNOWLES, 1st; who was born at Pateley-Bridge, Yorkshire, in the year 1775. He was converted to God in early life, entered the Wesleyan ministry at the age of twenty-three, and continued in it upwards of fifty-five years. He possessed more than ordinary vigour of mind; was accustomed to set forth prominently, and with power, the doctrine of redemption by the Lord Jesus Christ; and, though somewhat severe in his manner, was known to be of a kindly and affectionate disposition. He was a man of unwavering integrity, and exemplary in his domestic character. He died peacefully in the Lord on April 20th, 1853, in the Fifth London Circuit, where he had resided, as a Supernumerary Minister, since the Conference of 1852, at the age of seventy-eight.

(14.) THOMAS TIMMS. He feared the Lord from his youth, and in early life obtained the blessedness of religion, deep, distinct, and abiding. He was placed for education under the care of an Independent Minister; but the church of his parents was the church of his choice and strong affection. Moved to call sinners to repentance, he addressed himself to this work with a gravity far in advance of his years. Constrained by a sense of duty, he at length became "separated unto the Gospel of God." After enjoying the advantages of the Theological Institution, he engaged fully in the work to which he had solemnly devoted his life. His sermons were scriptural, evangelical, edifying; and were delivered with great earnestness, simplicity, and seriousness. His whole bearing as a Minister was such that none could "despise" him. His character was remarkable for strength, energy, and elevation. His death was sudden; but to him it was safe. When utterance was difficult, the word most distinctly enunciated was "Glory!" and his smiles expressed his hope and joy. He died on the 15th of May, 1853, in the twenty-sixth year of his age, and the fifth of his ministry. The loss to the militant church is by many sorrowfully felt.

(15.) JOSHUA HOCKEN; who was born at Bodmin, July 27th, 1798. While he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of his fathers. At the age of seventeen, he joined the Wesleyan Methodists; and, with his heart believing unto righteousness, he obtained the blessedness of those "whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sin is covered." After several years of faithful and diligent service as a Local Preacher, he was called into our ministry in the year 1824. His preaching was plain, evangelical, practical, and earnest, and was blessed in the conversion of many souls. He was warmly attached to the doctrines and discipline of Methodism, and faithful to the trust reposed in him as one of its Ministers. In pastoral intercourse with the people of his charge, he was eminently diligent and sympathizing. During the last four years of his life he was the subject of severe affliction; but patience had its perfect work, and he glorified God in the fires. In his last illness he repeatedly and emphatically said, "Heaven is my home." "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." He fell asleep in Jesus, on the 26th of May, 1853, in the fifty-fifth year of his age, and the twenty-ninth of his ministry.

(16.) ELIJAH MORGAN; who was born at Eastington, Gloucestershire, in 1787, and was in early life converted to God under the ministry of the late Rev. William Williams. Having himself tasted that the Lord is gracious, he began to call sinners to repentance; and at the Conference of 1809 was received on probation for the Wesleyan ministry, in which, for nearly forty-four years, he continued to labour with great fidelity and success. He was distinguished by punctuality and firmness in the discharge of

his duties, and all his arrangements were made with uncommon order and precision. His demeanour was grave, yet expressive of much kindness and affection. He was eminently an upright man, and his uniform piety rendered him highly respected by all who knew him. As a Preacher, he was plain, but practical and edifying; seeking the salvation of souls, and the building up of believers in the faith of Christ. At the Conference of 1852 he was appointed to the Sherborne Circuit; but his work was then nearly finished. His health soon failed; but, being desirous of attending the District-Meeting, he went to the city of Bath for that purpose, and during its session he was seized with apoplexy. From the time of his seizure, the issue was apparent; but, without alarm, he was enabled to declare that Christ was precious. He fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday, May 29th, 1853, in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

(17.) JAMES MILLER; who was a native of Brechin, in North Britain. He was brought up under the Wesleyan ministry in that town, where, at an early age, he became a member of Society, and obtained mercy through faith in the Redeemer. In the year 1812, when in his twentieth year, he was received as a probationer for the Wesleyan ministry. In several of the Circuits to which he was subsequently appointed, his labours were very successful. He was a sound theologian, and acceptable in the pulpit. Previously to his protracted afflictions, domestic and personal, he was exemplary in the administration of our discipline, and very attentive to the management of the Circuits confided to his care. In the year 1851, the failure of his health compelled him finally to retire from active service. In his last illness, when capable of conversing, he expressed his confidence in the Atonement. He died at Walsall, on the 18th of June, 1853, in the sixty-first year of his age, and the forty-first of his ministry.

2. In Ireland, one; viz.,—

WILLIAM M'GARVEY. He was born at Tomney, near Rathmelton. From childhood he was moral in deportment; but when about seventeen years of age he was awakened, through the Wesleyan ministry, to a sense of his need of the regeneration of his nature; and, having been united to one of our class-meetings, he heard such statements of Christian experience as instructed and encouraged him to seek mercy by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that mercy he speedily found. He then became concerned for the salvation of his fellow-men. The Lord blessed his efforts for the conversion of sinners; and, having been duly recommended as a candidate for the ministry, he was in 1836 accepted by the Conference, fulfilled his probation satisfactorily, and was cordially received as a fellow-labourer. He was a man of meek and quiet spirit, and secured in a high degree the esteem

and confidence of all who knew him. His preaching was clear, convincing, and practical; and his ministry was owned of God in all the Circuits wherein he was stationed. In 1851 he caught cold, which his assiduous attention to the duties of his high calling caused him to neglect, until pulmonary disease set in, and at the last Conference he was compelled to become a Supernumerary. He lingered a few months longer, his outward man decaying, but his soul daily ripening for heaven; and on the 7th of February, 1853, having called his family around him, sensible that he was just about to enter the world of spirits, he exclaimed, "I feel the power of religion now;" and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, in the thirty-ninth year of his age, and the seventeenth of his ministry.

3. In our *Foreign Missions*, eleven have died; viz.,—

(1.) WILLIAM WEBB, of the Tonga Circuit; who was born at Claydon, and was converted to God at the age of seventeen. After creditably passing through the Hoxton Institution, he was appointed, at the Conference of 1838, to the Friendly Islands District; where, for the space of thirteen years, he laboured with great acceptance and usefulness as an energetic, faithful, and devoted Missionary of the Cross. He was wholly devoted to the work of the Lord; and he considered no labour too severe in carrying out the great objects of the Mission. He lived, accordingly, in the respect and sincere affection of his brethren. His illness was short, and his death sudden; and although, in his last hours, he underwent a severe conflict with the adversary of souls, he died in full confidence of faith. In the immediate prospect of dissolution, his mind was lifted above all earthly objects; his "feet," according to his own language, were "fixed upon the Rock." Within a few hours of his decease, the Lord's supper was administered by his sorrowing brethren, and then his soul rose triumphantly superior to every attack of the enemy. Among his last words were the following:—"There! there I see the gate of heaven. Ah! I have been looking too low. There," he said, pointing upwards, "there all is light; and I shall enter there." He was heard again and again exclaiming, with a loud voice, "I trust in the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ; and I must be safe." His last word audible to his weeping friends was, "Pray." He smiled, and fell asleep in Jesus, on Friday, March 19th, 1852, in the fortieth year of his age. His mortal illness was brought on by extreme labour, anxiety, and excitement, connected with the war which was then raging in the island.

(2.) THOMAS PHELPS; who was born at Rudford, Gloucestershire, and arrived in the Jamaica Mission in 1847. At an early period of his labours he was the subject of severe attacks of tropical fever; but he continued his work until within a few

weeks of his death. His amiable disposition, and his habits of punctuality and industry, secured for him the love and esteem of the brethren with whom he was associated; and his brief ministry was not without fruit. His pulpit-labours were acceptable; and his diligent attention to other pastoral duties obtained for him the love of the people among whom he was stationed. He finished his course peacefully at Port-Morant, on the 13th of August, 1852, in the thirty-fifth year of his age, and the sixth of his ministry.

(3.) THOMAS CRYER; a Missionary of rare piety and usefulness. He was born at Bingley, in the West-Riding of Yorkshire, in 1800. When he had reached his twentieth year, he was deeply convinced of sin, and (to use his own language) "drank deeply of the wormwood and the gall." Under the instructions of a pious sister, he found relief by faith in the blood of Jesus. He was called into the ministry about seven years after this event, and laboured for a few months in an English Circuit. He was then appointed a Missionary to India, and embarked for that country in 1829. During two-and-twenty years he lived and laboured for the salvation of the Heathen; and his name will be long and affectionately remembered in the East. His zeal and vigour have been seldom surpassed. In spite of opposition before which an ordinary spirit would have quailed,—in spite of the long delay of prosperity, which is the great and peculiar trial of the Eastern Missionary,—in spite of the most acute personal and family afflictions,—his heart was undaunted, and his faith unsubdued. In dealing with the adversaries of the Cross, he copied the manner of those ancient Christian heroes who, abandoning all instruments of human device, drew only "the sword of the Spirit." With this weapon he "waxed valiant in fight," and "turned to flight the armies of the aliens." Few of his fellow-Missionaries excelled him in power of utterance, in the adroitness and effect with which he exposed the sophisms of the Brahmin, in the hearty indignation of his invectives against the corruptions of Heathenism, or in searching and persuasive appeals to the conscience. He "determined to know nothing but Christ and Him crucified." Such a Minister could hardly fail of winning souls; and many will be the crown of his rejoicing in the day of Jesus Christ, not only from among the natives of India, but also from among the Europeans resident in that country. His death was sudden; but he was found prepared. He had been appointed to Madras at the Conference of 1852, and he arrived in that city on the 1st of October. Early on the following morning he was attacked with cholera. The symptoms becoming violent and decided, he said to Mrs. Cryer, "If I should be worse, do not be concerned about me: if I cannot speak, believe that all is right." He lingered four days, speaking but little, and bearing the struggles and uncertain variations of his disease with singular

composure and resignation. To his physician he said, "How happy to be able to trust in Christ!" On the day of his death, one of his brethren asked whether he felt Christ precious. "Yes," he replied, "very precious: not always the same, but always precious." As his life was fast ebbing away, prayer was offered in his behalf. He devoutly followed the petitions, as they ranged from himself to the bereaved Mission, the church, and the Heathen; the frequent and deep "Amen" attesting that this dying servant still clung to the interests of his Master's work. In a few minutes he expired, without a struggle or a groan, on the 5th of October, 1852, in the fifty-second year of his age, and the twenty-fourth of his ministry.

(4.) WILLIAM SQUIRE; who was born at Broughton, near Bath, in the year 1795. Blessed with a Christian parentage, he was early taught to fear and love God. At the age of fourteen he surrendered himself to Christ, and experienced the remission of sins. After successfully filling some of the subordinate offices of the church, he, in 1821, entered the Missionary department of our ministerial work, and received an appointment to the West Indies. Here he laboured with diligence and success four years, when alarming failure of health compelled him to take refuge in the less trying climate of Canada. He reached Quebec in the autumn of 1825, and in a few months was so far restored as to be able to occupy a station in that arduous field of labour; which, with scarcely a week's intermission, he was permitted to cultivate for twenty-seven years. As a Preacher, he was faithful, pointed, powerful, and, if estimated by the number of converts, eminently successful. It is perhaps not beyond the truth to say, that thousands were brought to God by his instrumentality. As a Pastor, his name is still fragrant wherever he was called to minister. Few men have ever equalled Mr. Squire, none could surpass him, in the diligent care which he extended over the flock of Christ. He enjoyed the respect of the community at large, the love of his people, and the esteem of his brethren. He also enjoyed the confidence of the Missionary Committee, which was evinced by his being twice appointed General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Missions in Canada, an office which he held at the period of his death. It may be truly said of him that he "walked with God," attaining a rare maturity of Christian grace. He was called away in the midst of his work, after but a few hours' illness. He died of Asiatic cholera, after ministering, both physically and spiritually, to a fellow-victim of the same disease. Some of his last utterances were, "I have no fear:"

" Happy, if with my latest breath
 I may but gasp His name;
 Preach Him to all, and cry in death,
 Behold, behold, the Lamb! "

He fell asleep in Jesus, on the 17th of October, 1852, in the city of Montreal, in the fifty-seventh year of his age, and the thirty-second of his ministry.

(5.) JASON CHATTERTON; in whom was the same "unfeigned faith" in God, through Christ, which dwelt in his family for generations. From a child he knew the holy Scriptures, and in early youth God gave him "the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." He walked with diligence in that department of usefulness which Wesleyan Methodism opens to the zealous youths in its communion; and, when called by the Holy Ghost to the work of the Christian ministry, he was not disobedient to the heavenly calling. Having occupied his one talent, and received a recompense for the same in his own soul, he was "enlarged," and longed to impart to the perishing souls of men, wherever found, the unsearchable riches of Christ. The most sacred bonds of friendship seemed likely to hold him fast; but the attractions of Him who had been "lifted up" on the cross prevailed in separating him to the Gospel of God our Saviour. He offered himself willingly for the Mission-field; and, when the Conference accepted him, Missionaries, Mission-stations, the wide world, the millions of the Heathen, the urgency of their need, their imminent peril, filled his mind day and night. He was appointed to Barbadoes, and reached his destination December 26th, 1851. He was "a burning and a shining light;" and many of the sons and daughters of Barbadoes and Tobago rejoiced for a season to walk in his light: till, being seized by the yellow fever, on the 29th of October, 1852, he fell asleep in Christ, whom he declared to be his All in all.

(6.) WILLIAM ROTHERHAM; who, early in life, experienced the true grace of God. The consciousness of acceptance with God, through Jesus Christ, was at once followed by the desire to make Christ known to earth's remotest bounds. Having vowed unto the Lord, he did not look back. He made known his readiness to depart from friends and country; and his Pastors, having satisfied themselves as to the heavenly origin of his convictions, and as to his qualifications, recommended him to the Conference, by whom he was accepted as a probationer, and appointed to the West Indies. He embarked for his destination; the perils of a protracted voyage were many and imminent; but no word of regret for the country he had left behind escaped his lips. He landed in St. Vincent's, a favoured sphere of Methodist labour in the West Indies. There did the sorrows of his youthful heart in forsaking his father's house receive a recompense the most grateful and touching. He was embraced and appreciated as "a messenger of the churches." His labours were owned of God, and acceptable to His people. By the District-Meeting of 1852 he was appointed to Barbadoes; where he was universally

beloved, and rendered very useful. In the midst of health, and with a widely-spreading field of usefulness before him, on the 28th of November he was seized with yellow fever; and he departed this life on the 1st of December, 1852, confiding in the Saviour's love.

(7.) HARMAN MASON; who, after having made a most promising commencement of his Missionary career, died at Belize, Honduras. On Thursday, December 30th, 1852, he was attacked by yellow fever, several cases of which had appeared in the town. Notwithstanding the utmost attention from his medical adviser and friends, the disease advanced rapidly; for, on the 3d of January, 1853, the fifth day of his illness, he exchanged time for eternity. During his sickness, though mostly delirious, he gave evident proof that he was prepared for a better world. His funeral was attended by at least a thousand of the inhabitants; and the members of Society, at their own expense, procured a marble tablet, to be placed over his grave, as a mark of high esteem for their late beloved Pastor, whose labours in the Gospel had been most abundant and successful.

(8.) RICHARD RIDYARD; who died in the island of St. Vincent's, of yellow fever, in the twenty-seventh year of his age. He arrived in the Mission-field on the 9th of October, 1851, and entered on his labours with an evident determination to live for his Divine Master's glory. With true spirituality and untiring zeal he combined great physical energy; and all his powers were brought into full play as he unfolded the great truths connected with the redemption of the world. To preach the Gospel was his chief delight; to win souls to Christ, the all-absorbing desire of his heart. Few men of greater promise have opened their high commission in the Mission-field: bright hopes were entertained that he would long live and labour, and that his toils would be rewarded by the turning of many from darkness to light, to be "the crown of his rejoicing" in the day of eternity. But these glowing anticipations were soon blighted; and many who once listened to his voice have wept over his early removal. The state of mind in which he met the last summons is pleasingly indicated by his own testimony, recorded a short time before his decease. On hearing of the death of a friend, he writes: "I have been led, by the saddening tidings, to hold more communion with my own heart. I have brought myself to the testing-place, and felt, more than it was ever given me to do before, that Christ's atonement is the most precious thing in the universe. All seems shadowy but *that*. All else will betray but *that*: THAT cannot! THAT does not! O my own God! may it be mine in the final hour to feel that this atonement is *mine*! I ask nothing more. I need nothing else. This does satisfy my soul now, and will satisfy my soul for ever." After a few days' illness he entered into rest, on the 16th of January, 1853.

(9.) SAMUEL PRITCHARD; whose race terminated in the twenty-eighth year of his age, and in the second of his ministry. He was brought to God in 1843; and was appointed, in June, 1852, to the Biabou Circuit, St. Vincent's. During the brief period of his public labours, he gained the affectionate regard of our people, and of the community at large. He was seized with malignant yellow fever on the 23d of February; and, when told by his medical attendant that his symptoms were most unfavourable, he said that he had "long been preparing for it;" that he had been "led to believe that a poor sinner, coming to the atonement of Christ, would not be rejected by God;" that "about ten years ago he had gone to that atonement," and he "believed that he was then pardoned and accepted by God:" he had "believed in that atonement ever since, he believed in it now, and was not afraid to die." The sacrifice of Christ was the grand theme of his public addresses; and he now realized its preciousness and efficacy. While partaking of the Lord's supper on the Saturday before his death, he expressed himself as having a happy sense of the presence of Christ as his Saviour. While some of the people of his charge stood weeping by his bed, he exhorted them to live to God, and meet him in heaven: adding, that he had longed to come to the West Indies; and that now, though his work was cut short, and he must soon die, he was not sorry he had come. This he repeated several times. He continued in this peaceful state of mind until the morning of February 28th, 1853, when he fell asleep in Jesus.

(10.) JOHN P. ELLISON; who received an appointment to the West Indies, in 1848. Being on his way from the District-Meeting to his station at George-Town, St. Vincent's, he was seized with fever at Biabou, on Thursday, March 24th; and he died on the Monday morning following, March 28th, 1853, in the fifth year of his ministry. He had laboured with great zeal, diligence, and success, during his short term of service in the Mission-field. His piety was steady and fervent, and his attachment to Methodism strong. In his death the Society has lost a valuable agent, while thousands mourn his early removal. His end was peace.

(11.) WILLIAM B. WILDISH; who was appointed a Missionary to Jamaica in September, 1851, and arrived on the island in the following month. His brief but pious and useful career was terminated on the 19th of April, 1853. He died of yellow fever, in the city of Kingston, after a week's illness; affording, in his last moments, most satisfactory testimony of his confidence in God.

Q. V. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Ministers, or Preachers on Trial?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. VI. What persons, who were in full connexion with the Conference, have now CEASED TO BE RECOGNISED as Ministers among us ?

- A. 1. D. L. A. Bartholomeuz.
2. George Southern.
3. George Steward, James Collier, Thomas S. Bowers, B.A., and John Bramwell, who have voluntarily retired from our ministry.
4. Robert Alder, D.D., has retired.
5. Samuel Wilde has also retired.
6. Uriah Scott.

Q. VII. How are our Ministers, and Preachers on Trial, STATIONED for the ensuing year ?

A. As follows; viz.,—

[N.B. Each of the places mentioned in these Stations, and numbered from 1 to 502, is the head of a Circuit.

The Superintendent and other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits undermentioned, is and are appointed by the Conference to preach, and to perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline, in each and every of the Wesleyan-Methodist Chapels already erected, or to be erected, within each Circuit respectively, within the space of twelve calendar months, at such time or times, and in such manner, as to him or them shall seem proper; subject, nevertheless, to the Superintendent Minister.]

GREAT BRITAIN.

[JOHN LOMAS, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.
JOHN FARRAR, SECRETARY.]

I.—THE LONDON DISTRICT.

- 1 *First London*, (*City-Road, &c.*,) Charles Prest, Thomas Williams, 1st, John Kirk, 2d, William B. Pope; William Brocklehurst, Josiah Mycock, Supernumeraries. William L. Thornton, M.A., William H. Rule, Editors; John Mason, Book-Steward. John Beecham, D.D., Elijah Hoole, George Osborn, and William Arthur, M.A., General Secretaries for our Missions; Samuel Young, Superintendent, under the direction of the Missionary Committee, of the Irish Missions and Schools.

N.B. 1. Robert Young is appointed to visit Australia and New-Zealand.

2. Dr. Bunting is respectfully requested to afford the aid of his counsel to the Missionary Secretaries and to the Committee, as far as his health will permit.

Wesleyan Theological Institution :

Jabez Bunting, D.D., President of the Institution.
Southern Branch, Richmond, Thomas Jackson, Theological Tutor;

Samuel Jackson, House-Governor; JOHN FARRAR, SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE, Classical Tutor.

Northern Branch, Didsbury, John Bowers, House-Governor; John Hannah, D.D., Theological Tutor; Jonathan Crowther, Classical Tutor.

Normal Training Institution, Westminster, John Scott, Principal; Michael C. Taylor, Secretary of the Education Committee.

2 *Second London*, (*Great Queen-Street, &c.*,) Alfred Barrett, James Parkes, John W. Greeves; Joseph Walker, William Horton, Supernumeraries.

3 *Third London*, (*Spitalfields, &c.*,) Charles Westlake, Joseph Lawton, George Maunder; John Keeling, Supernumerary.

Thames Mission, William Fox, 1st, who shall change once on each Sunday with the Ministers of the Third London Circuit.

4 *Fourth London*, (*Southwark, &c.*,) Henry H. Chettle, Joseph Wood.

5 *Fifth London*, (*Lambeth, &c.*,) Frederick J. Jobson, Thomas Kent, Luke H. Wiseman, George Scott, 2d, Thomas Akroyd; James Lynch, Thomas Key, Supernumeraries.

6 *Sixth London*, (*Hinde-Street, &c.*,) William Barton, Henry W. Williams, George Smith, 3d; Joseph Sutcliffe, A.M., Joseph Lewis, William M. Bunting, John C. Leppington, Supernumeraries.

7 *Seventh London*, (*Chelsea, &c.*,) George B. Macdonald, William Hopewell; John Bicknell, Supernumerary.

8 *Eighth London*, (*Islington, &c.*,) John Hall, Benjamin B. Waddy, Daniel West, William Edwards, 2d, Frederick W. Briggs; John Kershaw, Isaac Phenix, sen., Isaac Phenix, jun., Supernumeraries.

9 *Deptford*, William O. Booth, Josiah Pearson; Thomas Rogers, Supernumerary.

N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Greenwich.

10 *Woolwich*, Hugh Jones, John W. Close; Thomas Martin, Supernumerary.

11 *Hammersmith*, Thomas Stokoe, James H. Rigg.

12 *Croydon*, Thomas Payne, Alfred Beresford; Edward Chapman, Supernumerary.

13 *Barking and Romford*, John L. Sanders, who shall change once in every four weeks, on the Lord's day, with the Ministers of the Third London Circuit.

14 *Hertford and Bishop-Stortford*, John I. Muff, John S. Vickers.

15 *Cambridge*, Robert M. MacBrair, M.A., Edwin Hirst.

16 *Windsor*, Thomas Turner, James A. Macdonald.

Uxbridge, Paul Orchard, jun.

N.B. Brother Orchard shall act under the direction of the Superintendent of the Windsor Circuit.

- 17 *Chelmsford*, Joseph Pechey, John E. Cooke.
 18 *Maldon*, James Stott, James F. Masters.
 19 *Colchester*, James Brownell, Joseph T. Wilkinson ; William Sharpe, Supernumerary.
 20 *Manningtree*, William Box, John Sharman, George B. Mellor. N.B. Brother Sharman shall reside at Harwich.
 21 *Ipswich*, Aaron Langley, Richard Woodfin ; George North, Supernumerary. N.B. Brother Woodfin shall reside at Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 22 *Hastings*, John Hobkirk, Robert N. Young ; James Lancaster, Supernumerary.
 23 *Sevenoaks*, John Gregory, John Bramley.
 24 *Tunbridge-Wells*, John Geden, James Gillings. N.B. Brother Gillings shall reside at Tunbridge.
 25 *Lewes and Eastbourne*, Henry J. Thomas, who shall change regularly with the Ministers of the Brighton Circuit.
 26 *Brighton*, Peter Cooper, George T. Morrison, Henry W. Jackson, B.A. N.B. Brother Morrison shall reside at Worthing.
 27 *St. Alban's*, John Knowles, 1st, Joseph Bate. N.B. Brother Bate shall reside at Watford.
 28 *Guildford and Alton*, Joseph Binns, Joseph Exell, Thomas Vinson. N.B. Brother Exell shall reside at Alton, and Brother Vinson at Petersfield.
 29 *Dorking and Horsham*, Alexander Puddicombe.

JOHN SCOTT, *Chairman of the District.*

FREDERICK J. JOBSON, *Financial Secretary.*

II.—THE BEDFORD AND NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

- 30 *Bedford and Amptill*, William H. Clarkson, Joseph Midgley, Ebenezer R. Talbot, M.A. ; Maximilian Wilson, William Dixon, Supernumeraries.
 31 *Leighton-Buzzard*, James Rosser, Robert S. Ellis, Thomas Harding. N.B. Brother Harding shall reside at Stewkley.
 32 *Luton*, Wright Shovelton, Philip Fowler, Benjamin Field.
 33 *Dunstable*, Matthew T. Male, Walter Coates.
 34 *St. Neot's*, Adam Fletcher, John Baker, Joseph Willis ; John Piggott, Supernumerary.
 35 *Biggleswade*, Robert Maxwell, George Rowe.
 36 *Hitchin*, William Davies, 1st, who shall change once in six weeks with the Ministers at Biggleswade.
 37 *Huntingdon*, James Rathbone, William Tarr, George O. Bate.
 38 *Northampton*, James Lees, Christopher Ridler ; William Taylor, James Cheeswright, Supernumeraries.
 39 *Towcester*, William J. Dawson, Charles Hillard.
 40 *Daventry and Rugby*, John Booth, Samuel Wesley, William Harley.

- 41 *Newport-Pagnell*, Thomas Pearson, 1st, William Williams, 2d.
 42 *Higham-Ferrers*, Thomas Jeffery, John Dyson.
 43 *Wellingborough*, Joseph Payne, John Bate ; John Cullen, Supernumerary.
 44 *Kettering*, Henry Banks, George E. Allen ; Henry Fish, M.A., Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Allen shall reside at Deaborough, and divide his labours between the Kettering and Market-Harborough Circuits.
 45 *Market-Harborough*, John Pearce ; Richard Eland, sen., Supernumerary.
 46 *Chatteris*, Charles Carter, Samuel M'Aulay.
 47 *Oundle*, Samuel H. Wardley, Robert W. Horsfield ; Isaac Aldom, Supernumerary.

JAMES ROSSEY, *Chairman of the District.*
 WILLIAM H. CLARKSON, *Financial Secretary.*

III.—THE KENT DISTRICT.

- 48 *Canterbury*, John Nelson, 1st, Thomas Wilkinson ; Joseph Wilson, William Worth, Supernumeraries.
 N.B. Brother Wilkinson shall reside at Whitstable.
 49 *Faversham*, Jabez Rought, Edward Fison.
 50 *Rochester*, Joseph Pratten, Henry L. Church.
 51 *Gravesend*, Martin Jubb, John Jones, 3d.
 N.B. Brother Jones shall reside at Dartford.
 52 *Sheerness*, Jesse Pilcher, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers of the Rochester Circuit ; John Smith, 1st, Supernumerary.
 53 *Margate*, James Mowat, William H. Cornforth ; Robert Morton, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Cornforth and Brother Morton shall reside at Ramsgate.
 54 *Dover*, James Cooke, 1st, John W. Dawson ; James Jarrett, Supernumerary.
 55 *Deal*, Benjamin Andrews, LL.D., John Dawson, John S. Vint.
 56 *Rye*, George Ranyell, Thomas Derry.
 57 *Tenterden*, Edmund Lockyer, John Gilbert.
 58 *Ashford*, Robert Keyworth, James Smith.
 59 *Sandhurst*, Thomas Dove, Robert G. Badcock.
 60 *Maidstone*, Roger Moore, Frederick Hart.
Sittingbourne, Walter O. Croggon, Charles Howe.
Boulogne, (English,) William Toase, Supernumerary.

BENJAMIN ANDREWS, LL.D., *Chairman of the District.*
 JAMES COOKE, 1st, *Financial Secretary.*

IV.—THE NORWICH AND LYNN DISTRICT.

- 61 *Norwich*, William M. Harvard, M.A., Thomas H. Brocklehurst ; John Hanwell, Supernumerary.

- 62 *Bungay*, John Tucker, Albert H. M'Tier ; William Edwards, 1st, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother M'Tier shall reside at Loddon.
- 63 *North-Walsham*, James Kendall, 1st, William Hopkins.
N.B. Brother Hopkins shall reside at Aylsham.
- 64 *Yarmouth*, Thomas Moss, John Hebb ; James Waller, Supernumerary.
- 65 *Lowestoff*, Andrew Mackintosh, Thomas Wilde.
- 66 *Framlingham and Peasenhall*, Thomas Jefferies, who shall change once in six weeks with the Ministers at Bungay.
- 67 *Diss*, James Allen, 2d, William Baddeley, William Mollard.
- 68 *Attleborough and New-Buckenham*, Richard Tabraham, Thomas Haslam.
N.B. Brother Haslam shall reside at New-Buckenham.
- 69 *Bury St. Edmund's*, Charles B. Ritchie, Charles Lawton.
- 70 *Holt*, Charles Willis, who shall change with the Ministers at Walsingham on one Sunday in three.
- 71 *Lynn*, John Hannah, 2d, George Barnley.
- 72 *Swaffham*, Joseph Lowthian, John Cooper.
N.B. Brother Cooper shall reside at Dereham.
- 73 *Downham*, Thomas Leach, who shall change on one Sunday in each month with the Ministers at Lynn.
- 74 *Walsingham*, John Bissell, John Danks.
N.B. Brother Danks shall reside at Wells.
- 75 *Wisbeach*, Maurice Britton, Frederick F. Edmunds ; William Dalby, Supernumerary.
- 76 *Thetford*, Francis Barker, William Powell, 2d.
N.B. Brother Powell shall reside at Methwold.
- 77 *Mildenhall*, Joseph Sykes, James L. Posnet ; Thomas Newton, Supernumerary.
- 78 *Ely*, James Ray, Thomas Hulme, Joseph Bellamy.
N.B. Brother Hulme shall reside at Haddenham.
- WILLIAM M. HARVARD, M.A., *Chairman of the District*.
JAMES ALLEN, 2d, *Financial Secretary*.

V.—THE OXFORD DISTRICT.

- 79 *Oxford*, Thomas Harris, Henry C. Howard.
- 80 *High-Wycombe*, William Davies, 2d, Henry Needle.
- 81 *Aylesbury*, John P. Johnson, Joseph Simpson.
- 82 *Witney*, James Mayer, Joseph Portrey.
- 83 *Banbury*, John T. Yeates, William Lees.
Kington, William Baker, jun., who shall change on one Sunday in every month with the Ministers at Banbury.
- 84 *Newbury*, Joseph Hollis, James Smeeth, Henry J. Piggott, B.A.
- 85 *Reading*, Samuel Cooke, George Bowden.
- 86 *Hungerford*, Thomas Rogerson, John Anderson, John Knowles, 2d ;
William Homer, Supernumerary.
- 87 *Watlington*, George Ellidge.

- Thame*, Edwin Thorley ; Paul Clarke, Supernumerary.
 N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks.
- 88 *Brackley*, Elijah Toyne, John Nowell, 2d.
- 89 *Chipping-Norton*, Thomas Withington, William L. Wingell ; John T. Morley, Supernumerary.
- 90 *Swindon*, George F. Driver, James Cooke, 3d.
 N.B. Brother Cooke shall reside at Farringdon.
- 91 *Wantage*, Edward Shelton, William F. Clark, Miles B. Pickering.
 N.B. Brother Clark shall reside at Abingdon.
- THOMAS HARRIS, *Chairman of the District.*
 THOMAS ROGERSON, *Financial Secretary.*

VI.—THE PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

- 92 *Portsmouth*, William Bacon, Robert Dugdale, John Hearnshaw.
- 93 *Gosport*, Edward Baylis, who shall change with the Ministers at Portsmouth on one Sunday in every month.
- 94 *Salisbury*, Robert Gover, Richard Chapman ; William Tranter, Supernumerary.
- 95 *Poole*, Thomas Sheers, Francis T. Tranmer ; James Hyde, Supernumerary.
- Wareham*, John Parsons, who shall act under the direction of the Superintendent at Poole.
- 96 *Wimborne*, Richard Haddy, Frederick Balls.
- 97 *Ringwood*, William Rodman, who shall change regularly on the Lord's day with the Ministers at Wimborne.
- 98 *Newport, Isle of Wight*, Joseph Earnshaw, Joseph Entwisle, John Philp, Samuel Lord ; William Clegg, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Entwisle shall reside at Cowes, Brother Philp at Ryde, and Brother Lord at Ventnor.
- 99 *Southampton and Winchester*, Thomas Wood, Benjamin Gregory, William Watson, William Gibson, B.A. ; Richard Waddy, John Willis, Supernumeraries.
 N.B. Brother Gibson shall reside at Winchester, and Brother Watson at Romsey.
- 100 *Andover*, Peter Parsons, Charles E. Woolmer.
- 101 *Chichester*, Samuel Trueman, Henry Keet.

WILLIAM BACON, *Chairman of the District.*
 JOSEPH ENTWISLE, *Financial Secretary.*

VII.—THE GUERNSEY DISTRICT.

- 102 *Guernsey, (English,)* James E. Moulton, Pascho Hoskins.
- 103 *Guernsey, (French,)* Philip Tourgis, Daniel Robin ; John de Putron, James Hocart, Supernumeraries.
- 104 *Alderney, (French,)* William J. Handcock ; *(English,)* Henry Padgham, Supernumerary.

105 *Jersey, (English,)* William D. Goy, Robert Rees ; James Etchells, Supernumerary.

106 *Jersey, (French,)* *St. Helier's*, John Renier, George Leale, Gideon Jaulmes ; Amice Olivier, Supernumerary.

N.B. William J. Handcock is the Editor of the French Magazine.

WILLIAM D. GOY, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE DEVONPORT DISTRICT.

107 *Devonport*, Robert Day, John Gostick, William D. Tyack ; William Beal, Supernumerary.

108 *Plymouth*, George Jackson, Thornley Smith, John H. Lord ; Thomas Bersey, Oliver Henwood, Joshua Wadé, Thomas Robinson, Supernumeraries.

109 *Launceston*, Thomas Hardy, John Hugill.

110 *Holsworthy*, Henry Badger, James Fisher.

111 *Kilkhampton*, James Sutch, William Hamar ; William Harvie, Supernumerary.

112 *Liskeard*, Benjamin Elvins, James Hargreaves.

N.B. Brother Hargreaves shall reside at East Looe.

113 *Callington*, Henry Daniels, Mark Symons.

N.B. Brother Symons shall reside at Saltash.

114 *Tavistock*, John Allin, Thomas R. Jones ; Nicholas Sibly, Supernumerary.

115 *Camelford*, William Baker, sen., James Hughes ; John Robinson, Supernumerary.

N.B. Brother Hughes shall reside at Wadebridge.

116 *Kingsbridge*, William Fidler, James Hartle.

N.B. Brother Hartle shall reside at Modbury.

117 *Brixham and Dartmouth*, Hender Geach, who shall reside at Dartmouth, and change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Kingsbridge.

118 *Ashburton*, Richard Moody, James Pilley.

N.B. Brother Pilley shall reside at Buckfastleigh.

GEORGE JACKSON, *Chairman of the District.*

THOMAS HARDY, *Financial Secretary.*

IX.—THE CORNWALL DISTRICT.

119 *Redruth*, Humphrey B. Trethewey, Henry Young.

120 *Camborne*, Jarvis Cheesman, George Blencowe.

121 *Falmouth*, John Wood, 1st, Samuel Hooley.

N.B. Brother Hooley shall reside at Penryn.

122 *Truro*, George Scott, 1st, Robert Haworth.

123 *Gwennap*, William Ricketts, Robert Dyson.

N.B. Brother Dyson shall reside at St. Day.

124 *St. Agnes*, Joseph Whitehead, John Jeffreys.

125 *St. Austle*, William Seccombe, William Worker, Francis W. Greeves.

- 126 *St. Mawes*, Robert Mainwaring, who shall change once in every month, on the Lord's day, with the Ministers at St. Austle.
- 127 *Bodmin*, John Killick, James Mitchell.
- 128 *St. Columb*, William Sanders, Joshua Duffill.
N.B. Brother Duffill shall reside at Padstow.
- 129 *Penzance*, Corbett Cooke, John W. Etheridge, Ph. D., James D. Dodgson; John Reynolds, Ralph Scurrah, Supernumeraries.
- 130 *St. Just*, John Samuel Jones, William Exton.
- 131 *St. Ives*, Benjamin Carvosso, John Mollard.
- 132 *Scilly Islands*, George Hagen.
- 133 *Helstone*, John Ryan, 2d, John B. Alexander, 2d, James Nance; Charles Colwell, Supernumerary.
- 134 *Hayle*, Everit Vigis, Thomas Osborn, Jakeh Oats.
- 135 *Marazion*, George Savery, Benjamin Browne.

CORBETT COOKE, *Chairman of the District.*
GEORGE SCOTT, 1st, *Financial Secretary.*

X.—THE EXETER DISTRICT.

- 136 *Exeter*, John Smith, 2d, Samuel W. Christophers, John M'Kenny; James Odgers, Supernumerary.
- 137 *Tiverton*, Thomas W. Smith, William J. Tweddle.
- 138 *Taunton and Wellington*, John Williams, Henry D. Lowe; John Hobson, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Proprietary School; John Simmons, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Lowe shall reside at Wellington.
- 139 *Bridgewater*, Edward Branston, John Walter.
- 140 *South-Petherton*, Robert Colman, William Colbron.
- 141 *Axminster*, James Emory, who shall change on one Sunday in every month with the Ministers at Bridport.
- 142 *Budleigh-Salterton*, John Saunders, John Hutchings.
- 143 *Bridport*, John Stevens, John Longden.
- 144 *Barnstaple*, Thomas Heeley, Frederick C. Haime.
- 145 *South-Moulton*, William S. Bestall, who shall change on one Sunday in each month with the Ministers at Barnstaple.
- 146 *Bideford*, Edward Jennings, John T. Barr, Edward A. Telfer; John C. Clendinnen, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Barr shall reside at Torrington.
- 147 *Dunster*, James Cooke, 2d, Alfred Mewton.
N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Williton.
- 148 *Oakhampton*, John W. Roberts, Isaac Gould.
- 149 *Teignmouth*, Thomas Murray, John W. Wilson, Thomas Chope.
N.B. Brother Wilson shall reside at Torquay, and Brother Chope at Newton-Bushell.

JOHN SMITH, 2d, *Chairman of the District.*
ROBERT COLMAN, *Financial Secretary.*

XI.—THE BRISTOL DISTRICT.

- 150 *Bristol, North, (King-Street, &c.,)* William Smith, 1st, Joseph Beaumont, M.D., John Spenser Jones, Richard Roberts ; William Griffith, Robert James, Samuel Brown, 1st, David Cornforth, Supernumeraries.
- 151 *Bristol, South, (Langton-Street, &c.,)* Henry Davies, John Harvard, John F. Moody.
N.B. Brother Moody shall reside at Nailsea.
- 152 *Kingswood,* Henry Daniel, Joseph Spencer.
- 153 *Banwell,* Henry V. Olver, Henry Laughter ; John Shipman, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Laughter shall reside at Axbridge, and Brother Shipman at Cheddar.
- 154 *Weston-super-Mare,* Henry Castle, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Bristol South.
- 155 *Stroud,* John Connon, Thomas James, Joseph L. Ball.
N.B. Brother Ball shall reside at Cirencester.
- 156 *Dursley,* Thomas Webb, Thomas Denham, James R. Webb.
N.B. Brother Denham shall reside at Eastington.
- 157 *Downend, (near Bristol,)* Matthew Salt, Sampson Cock ; Daniel Hateley, Supernumerary.
- 158 *Gloucester,* Charles Tucker, Richard Eland, jun.
- 159 *TeWKesbury,* Joseph Crump, Edward Guest.
- 160 *Cheltenham,* John Lambert, George C. Harvard, William P. Slater ; George Robinson, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Harvard shall reside at Winchcombe.
- 161 *Newport, (Monmouthshire,)* John D. Carey, John Dowty, Alexander T. Weir ; Charles Haime, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Dowty shall reside at Pillgwenlly.
- 162 *Cardiff,* William Appleby, Edwin Fice, George Follows.
N.B. Brother Fice shall reside at Pontypridd.
- 163 *Bridgend,* John Vanes, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Cardiff.
- 164 *Monmouth and Forest of Dean,* William Henley, Charles J. Williams ; Thomas Armett, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Williams shall reside at Coleford.
- 165 *Chepstow,* James Aldis, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Newport.
- 166 *Abergavenny,* Samuel Taylor, George E. Young.
N.B. Brother Young shall reside at Crickhowell, and shall divide his labours equally between the Abergavenny and Pontypool Circuits.
- 167 *Pontypool,* George Kevern, Matthew Giles.
- 168 *Ledbury,* James Bartholomew, William Fox, 2d.
N.B. Brother Fox shall reside at Newent.
- 169 *Hereford,* Hugh Carter, Walter P. Johns.

HENRY DAVIES, *Chairman of the District.*WILLIAM SMITH, 1st, *Financial Secretary.*

XII.—THE BATH DISTRICT.

- 170 *Bath*, Robert Newstead, William Davenport; Thomas Ashton, Henry Cheverton, John W. Button, Supernumeraries; Joseph Cusworth, Governor of New Kingswood School.
- 171 *Bradford, (Wilts.)* William P. Burgess, M.A., Ebenezer Tovey. N.B. Brother Tovey shall reside at Trowbridge.
- 172 *Midsomer-Norton*, William Elton, John Martin, Joseph Chapman.
- 173 *Frome*, Paul Orchard, sen., John Fletcher, John Cope; Thomas Fletcher, William Hill, 1st, Supernumeraries.
- Warminster*, William H. Lewis, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Frome.
- 174 *Melksham*, Charles Williams, John Poulton.
- 175 *Devizes*, Walter Vercoe, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Melksham.
- 176 *Shepton-Mallet*, John Smedley, William Swallow. N.B. Brother Swallow shall reside at Coleford.
- 177 *Castle-Carey, &c.*, John Lewis, 2d.
- 178 *Sherborne*, John G. Avery, Edward Addison; John Bustard, Zephaniah Job, Supernumeraries.
- 179 *Weymouth*, James Taylor, 1st, William Wedlock. N.B. Brother Wedlock shall reside at Portland.
- 180 *Dorchester*, John Crowe, James Prescott.
- 181 *Shaftesbury*, James Meadmore, William Mearns, M.A.
- 182 *Glastonbury*, Charles Janion, who shall change once a month with the Minister at Castle-Carey.

JOSEPH CUSWORTH, *Chairman of the District.*

WILLIAM P. BURGESS, M.A., *Financial Secretary.*

XIII.—THE FIRST SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

(ENGLISH PREACHING.)

- 183 *Swansea*, John C. Pengelly, John Harding; John Coates, Supernumerary. N.B. Brother Harding shall reside at Neath.
- 184 *Merthyr-Tydvil*, William Bytheway, Joseph Williams.
- 185 *Brynmawr*, William Way, William Allen, 3d.
- 186 *Brecon*, John Morgan, John Bond. N.B. Brother Bond shall reside at Hay.
- 187 *Carmarthen*, William Williams, 1st, Stephen P. Harvard; Thomas Warren, Supernumerary. N.B. Brother Harvard shall reside at Llanelly.
- 188 *Haverford-West*, John G. Wilson, Henry Hicks. N.B. Brother Hicks shall reside at Milford.
- 189 *Pembroke*, Joseph Fletcher, William H. Bakewell.

JOHN C. PENGELLY, *Chairman of the District.*

WILLIAM BYTHEWAY, *Financial Secretary.*

XIV.—THE SECOND SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

(WELSH PREACHING.)

- 190 *Merthyr-Tydvil*, Owen Owen, Lewis Williams, David Jones, 2d.
 191 *Crickhowell*, Rowland Hughes, Henry Wilcox.
 192 *Cardiff*, Evan Richards, Henry Parry.
 193 *Cowbridge*, John Lloyd.
 N.B. 1. Brother Parry shall divide his labours between the Cardiff and Cowbridge Circuits.
 2. The Superintendents shall change on one Sunday in every two months.
- 194 *Brecon*, Isaac Jenkins.
 N.B. The Ministers in the Brecon and Crickhowell Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 195 *Llandilo*, John Jones, 2d; Morgan Griffith, Supernumerary.
 196 *Carmarthen*, Robert Williams, David Evans, 2d; Hugh Hughes, Supernumerary.
 197 *Swansea*, Benjamin Roberts; Evan Hughes, Supernumerary.
 N.B. The Ministers in the Swansea and Llandilo Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 198 *Lampeter and Cardigan*, Timothy Jones, Charles Nuttall; Robert Owen, William Hughes, Supernumeraries.
 N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Lampeter.
 Thomas Jones, 2d.
 N.B. The Ministers in the Lampeter and St. David's Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 200 *Aberystwyth*, William Powell, 1st, Richard Evans; Thomas Kilner, Supernumerary.
 201 *Machynlleth*, John Rees; William Evans, Supernumerary.
 N.B. The Ministers in the Machynlleth and Aberystwyth Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
- 202 *Llanidloes*, John Herbert; William Rowlands, *Editor and Book-Steward*; Edward Jones, 1st, Supernumerary.
 THOMAS JONES, 2d, *Chairman of the District*.
 ISAAC JENKINS, *Financial Secretary*.

XV.—THE NORTH WALES DISTRICT.

(WELSH PREACHING.)

- 203 *Ruthin and Denbigh*, John L. Richards, John Hughes; Samuel Davies, 1st, Supernumerary.
 204 *Llangollen*, Edward Anwyl, Isaac Jones; Griffith Hughes, Supernumerary.

- 205 *Corwen*, Humphrey Jones.
N.B. The Ministers of the Llangollen and Corwen Circuits shall change on one Sunday in each quarter.
- 206 *Llanrwst*, Thomas Morris.
- 207 *Abergele and Conway*, James Jones, John Evans.
N.B. The Ministers of the Llanrwst and the Abergele and Conway Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
- 208 *Holywell*, Lewis Jones, William Jones.
- 209 *Mold*, Methuselah Thomas, Evan Davies.
- 210 *Llanasa, (near Holywell,)* John Bartley.
N.B. The Ministers of the Holywell and Llanasa Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
- 211 *Beaumaris*, Richard Bonner.
- 212 *Amlwch*, John Richards, 1st, Daniel Jones.
N.B. Brother Jones shall reside at Holyhead, and shall divide his labours equally between the Amlwch and Beaumaris Circuits.
- 213 *Carnarvon*, Robert Jones, 1st, Robert Jones, 3d.
- 214 *Bangor*, Thomas Aubrey, Robert Jones, 2d.
- 215 *Pwllheli*, David Gravel; Evan Edwards, Supernumerary.
- 216 *Barmouth*, Samuel Davies, 2d, John Hughes, 2d.
N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
- 217 *Dolgelly*, John R. Chambers, Joseph Jones.
- 218 *Llanfyllin*, William Owen, Evan Pugh; William Batten, David Jones, 1st, Thomas Batten, Supernumeraries.
- 219 *Llanfair*, Ebenezer Morgan.
N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
EDWARD ANWYL, *Chairman of the District.*
JOHN L. RICHARDS, *Financial Secretary.*

XVI.—THE BIRMINGHAM AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT.

- 220 *Birmingham, West, (Cherry-Street, &c.,)* Peter M'Owan, Thomas Nightingale, Edward Lightwood; James Heaton, Josiah Godwin, John Walsh, John Stirzaker, Supernumeraries.
- 221 *Birmingham, East, (Belmont-Row, &c.,)* William Allen, 1st, Thomas Thompson, M.A., George Curnock; Benjamin Wood, Henry Ranson, Supernumeraries.
- 222 *West-Bromwich*, Robert Sherwell, Edwin J. Sturges.
- 223 *Wednesbury*, William Naylor, James Laycock, John H. Norton, Joseph Heaton, William Moss; Thomas Catterick, Henry B. Britten, Supernumeraries.

- 224 *Walsall*, John Parkes, Samuel Brocksop, Henry Balls ; Thomas Edwards, Supernumerary.
- 225 *Wolverhampton*, John Kirk, 1st, Henry Smallwood, Thomas Capp.
- 226 *Dudley*, John Stephenson, Amos Learoyd, Levi Waterhouse, Michael Johnson.
- 227 *Stourbridge*, John Newton, Joseph T. Sanger, John S. Ridsdale ; Samuel Sugden, Supernumerary.
- 228 *Stourport*, Benjamin John, Thomas Green ; John B. Brownell, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Green shall reside at Kidderminster.
- 229 *Worcester*, Ebenezer Moulton, Joseph Posnet.
N.B. Brother Posnet shall reside at Droitwich.
- 230 *Bromsgrove*, Charles W. Vibert, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Redditch.
- 231 *Evesham*, Ralph Stott, Jabez Overton.
- 232 *Redditch*, Henry Powis, Thomas Pearson, 4th.
- 233 *Coventry*, Joseph Hunt, John Weatherell.
- 234 *Leamington*, James Allen, 1st, Joseph Sutton.
- 235 *Stratford-upon-Avon*, Samuel Lucas, 2d, who shall change on one Sunday in every month with the Ministers at Leamington.
- 236 *Hinckley*, William Piggott, Samuel S. Taylor ; John Smithson, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Taylor shall reside at Chilvers-Coton, near Nuneaton.
- 237 *Shrewsbury*, John Brandreth, John V. B. Shrewsbury.
- 238 *Madeley, (near Ironbridge,)* James Scholes, William Lindley, Edward Russell, James Ford ; Edward Sumner, Supernumerary.
- 239 *Wellington*, James S. Haigh, William P. Peck, Benjamin Smith.
- 240 *Ludlow*, John W. Cotton, John M. Budden.
- 241 *Kington*, Thomas Brothwood, George Lough.
WILLIAM NAYLOR, *Chairman of the District.*
ROBERT SHERWELL, *Financial Secretary.*

XVII.—THE MACCLESFIELD DISTRICT.

- 242 *Macclesfield*, John Rigg, Samuel Walker, William T. Radcliffe, George C. Taylor.
N.B. Brother Walker shall reside at Bollington.
- 243 *Buxton*, Thomas Armson, Samuel Haigh.
- 244 *Congleton*, George Oyston, John B. Dyson.
- 245 *Namptwich and Crewe*, John Boyd, Robert Lewis.
N.B. Brother Lewis shall reside at Crewe.
- 246 *Northwich*, John Brown, 2d, George Russell.
- 247 *Burslem*, Thomas Hickson, John H. Beech ; Myles C. Dixon, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Beech and Brother Dixon shall reside at Henley.
- 248 *Tunstall*, John Crofts, Gregory A. Page.
N.B. Brother Page shall reside at Kids Grove.

- 249 *Newcastle-under-Lyne*, Joseph B. West, Edward B. Pinder.
N.B. Brother Pinder shall reside at Audley.
- 250 *Longton*, Samuel Brown, 2d, George Smith, 2d.
N.B. Brother Smith shall reside at Stoke.
- 251 *Stafford*, John Wevill, Edward Collier.
- 252 *Leek*, Joshua Priestley, Edmund Oldfield, Joseph Mood.
- 253 *Uttoxeter*, William Parkinson, William O. Aldom.
- 254 *Cheadle*, John Raby; William Wears, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Raby shall change on one Sunday in every four weeks with the Ministers at Uttoxeter.
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- 256 *Liverpool, South, (Pitt-Street, &c.,)* Samuel Simpson, James Dixon, D.D., J. Gilchrist Wilson, John Roberts, 2d; Robert Heys, Supernumerary.
- 257 *Birkenhead*, Edward Nye, Benjamin Hellier.
N.B. Brother Hellier shall reside at Seacombe.
- 258 *Liverpool, Welsh, (Benn's Gardens, &c.,)* Richard Prichard, William Davies, 3d; Lot Hughes, David Williams, Supernumeraries.
- 259 *Chester*, William Jessop, Frederick F. Woolley; John Jones, 1st, Supernumerary.
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Holyhead, Thomas H. Hill.
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- 262 *Wrexham*, Benjamin Slack, Samuel Atkinson, 2d.
N.B. Brother Atkinson shall reside at Oswestry.
- 263 *Whitchurch, (Salop,)* Robert H. Hare, John Nelson, 2d.
- 264 *Warrington*, Thomas Staton, Edward J. Robinson; Joseph Burgess, Supernumerary.
- 265 *Runcorn*, John Morris, Samuel Atkinson, 1st.
N.B. Brother Atkinson shall reside at Frodsham.
- 266 *St. Helen's and Prescott*, John Cannell, Thomas Rigby.
- 267 *Southport*, William H. Sargent, who shall change with the Ministers at Liverpool North, on one Sunday in every six weeks; Robert Newton, D.D., John Phillips, William Coultas, Supernumeraries.
- 268 *Ormskirk*, James S. Thomas, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Wigan.
- 269 *Wigan*, Samuel Rowe, William T. Nelson.

- 270 *Preston and Chorley*, William Jackson, 1st, James Clapham, William J. Skidmore, John Skidmore.
N.B. Brother W. J. Skidmore shall reside at Chorley.
- 271 *Garstang*, James P. Fairbourne, John Bowman, Henry M. Wightwick.
N.B. Brother Bowman shall reside at Fleetwood.
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N.B. Brother Walker shall reside at Welshpool.
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- 277 *Fourth Manchester*, (*Bridgewater-Street, &c.*,) Robert Leake, William H. Taylor.
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- 278 *Fifth Manchester*, (*Oxford-Road, &c.*,) JOHN LOMAS, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE; John Vine, James D. Brocklehurst; John D. Geden, President's Assistant; Moses Rayner, John W. Barritt, Supernumeraries.
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- 282 *New-Mills*, Nathaniel Alstone, John W. Crankshaw.
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- 276 *Third Manchester*, (*Grosvenor-Street, &c.*,) William Hurt, William Davison; John Bumstead, James Brooke, Supernumeraries.
- 277 *Fourth Manchester*, (*Bridgewater-Street, &c.*,) Robert Leake, William H. Taylor.
(*Welsh*,) David Evans, 1st, who shall act under the direction of the Superintendent of the Fourth Manchester Circuit.
- 278 *Fifth Manchester*, (*Oxford-Road, &c.*,) JOHN LOMAS, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE; John Vine, James D. Brocklehurst; John D. Geden, President's Assistant; Moses Rayner, John W. Barritt, Supernumeraries.
- 279 *Altrincham*, Thomas A. Rayner, James M. Cranswick; William M'Kittrick, Supernumerary.
- 280 *Stockport, North*, (*Tiviot-Dale, &c.*,) John Bedford, Thomas Pennington, Samuel Coley.
- 281 *Stockport, South*, (*Hill-Gate, &c.*,) Joseph Roberts, Henry M. Harvard.
- 282 *New-Mills*, Nathaniel Alstone, John W. Crankshaw.
- 283 *Glossop*, Frederick Payne, Henry Hayman; George Marsden, Supernumerary.
- 284 *Ashton-under-Lyne*, Charles Haydon, Matthew Andrew, David Griffiths; John Bell, Luke Heywood, Supernumeraries.
N.B. Brother Andrew shall reside at Hyde.

- 285 *Oldham*, John Bolam, George Hurst; John Heape, Supernumerary.
- 286 *Saddleworth*, Robert J. T. Hawkesley, who shall change on one Sunday in every five weeks with the Ministers at Oldham.
N.B. Brother Hawkesley shall reside at Upper-Mill, near Manchester.
- 287 *Bolton*, William Burt, William Kelk, James Grose, James Osborn, Samuel Wilkinson, 2d.
N.B. Brother Wilkinson shall reside at Farnworth.
- 288 *Rochdale*, Richard Heape, William B. Thorneloe; Thomas Stephenson, Supernumerary.
Heywood, James Godden, who shall change once in six weeks with the Ministers at Rochdale.
- 289 *Burnley*, Alexander Strachan, William R. Rogers, John G. Cox.
- 290 *Bury*, John P. Hetherington, John Relph, Richard Hardy.
- 291 *Blackburn*, William Brailey, John S. Workman; John Osborne, Supernumerary.
- 292 *Haslingden*, William Simpson, John Crawshaw; William Sleigh, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Crawshaw shall reside at Accrington.
- 293 *Bacup*, Philip Hardcastle, John Hornby.
N.B. Brother Hornby shall reside at Longholme, Rawtenstall.
- 294 *Colne*, John Barrowclough, Alfred Lockyer.
- 295 *Clitheroe*, Benjamin Frankland, sen., Joseph B. Frankland.
- 296 *Leigh*, Benjamin Gartside.
N.B. Brother Gartside shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Bolton.

JOHN LOMAS, *President of the Conference, Chairman of the District.*
CHARLES HAYDON, *Financial Secretary.*

XX.—THE HALIFAX AND BRADFORD DISTRICT.

- 297 *Halifax*, James Carr, John Burton, James Little; James B. Holroyd, Supernumerary.
- 298 *Huddersfield, First, (Queen-Street, &c.,)* Isaac Denison, James Wheeler, Richard Bell.
- 299 *Huddersfield, Second, (Buxton-Road, &c.,)* Samuel Tindall, Gervase Smith.
- 300 *Holmfirth*, Benjamin Firth, Thomas Garbutt; Thomas Hill, Supernumerary.
- 301 *Sowerby-Bridge*, Samuel Allen, Daniel Walton, John Eglinton.
N.B. Brother Eglinton shall reside at Stainland.
- 302 *Todmorden*, William Sugden, Thomas J. Walker, George Greenwood; Thomas Eckersley, Supernumerary.
- 303 *Denby-Dale*, John Mann, who shall change once in six weeks with the Ministers of the two Huddersfield Circuits alternately.
- 304 *Bradford, West, (Kirkgate Chapel, &c.,)* Willson Brailsford,

- Elijah Jackson, Marmaduke C. Osborn ; Stephen Wilson, Joseph Pretty, Thomas Kemshall, Supernumeraries.
- 305 *Bradford, East, (Eastbrook Chapel, &c.,)* Joseph Stinson, Thomas Collins, Edward Brice; William Bird, Supernumerary.
- 306 *Great-Horton, (near Bradford,)* Samuel Beard, John Walker.
- 307 *Keighley,* Robert S. Hardy, William Exley, Jacob Morton. N.B. Brother Exley shall reside at Haworth. Letters should be sent to Haworth, near Keighley.
- 308 *Bingley,* Samuel Merrill, William Wilson, 4th.
- 309 *Shipley,* Henry Kirkland, who shall change on one Sunday in every five weeks with the Ministers of the two Bradford Circuits.
- 310 *Skipton,* John F. England, James Faulkner; William Levell, Supernumerary.
- 311 *Addingham,* Benjamin Pearce, Robert Cass.
- 312 *Grassington,* Robert Harrison, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Skipton.
- 313 *Settle,* Thomas Haswell, Henry Cattle.
JOSEPH STINSON, *Chairman of the District.*
WILLSON BRAILSFORD, *Financial Secretary.*

XXI.—THE LEEDS DISTRICT.

- 314 *Leeds, First, (Brunswick Chapel, &c.,)* John Rattenbury, John M'Owan, John H. James; Robert Jackson; John Roadhouse, Supernumerary.
- 315 *Leeds, Second, (Oxford-Place Chapel, &c.,)* Jonathan J. Bates, Richard Felvus, William Willan, Theophilus Woolmer.
- 316 *Leeds, Third, (St. Peter's Chapel, &c.,)* James Loutit, Nehemiah Curnock, Samuel R. Hall.
- 317 *Leeds, Fourth, (Wesley Chapel, &c.,)* Isaac Keeling, Thomas O. Keysell.
- 318 *Bramley, (near Leeds,)* Thomas Dickin, William Chambers.
- 319 *Wakefield,* Robert M. Willcox, Charles Rawlings.
- 320 *Birstal,* Samuel Timms, William J. Shrewsbury, Dixon Naylor; James Fowler, Supernumerary.
- 321 *Dewsbury,* Joseph Floyd, John W. Thomas, Thomas B. Goodwin.
N.B. Brother Goodwin shall reside at Mirfield.
- 322 *Knaresborough,* Richard Stepney, William Stevinson; Luke Barlow, Supernumerary.
- 323 *Otley,* James Catton, James Harris; William Waterhouse, Supernumerary.
- 324 *Pateley-Bridge,* Thomas M. Rodham, Alfred Abbott.
- 325 *Pontefract,* Thomas Dunn, William Faulkner, William Dawson, Samuel Simmons; Thomas Moxon, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Dawson shall reside at Knottingley.

- 326 *Cleckheaton*, Samuel Lucas, 1st, who shall change on one Sunday in each month with the Ministers at Dewsbury and Birstal alternately.
- 327 *Yeadon, (near Leeds,)* John Imisson, who shall change on one Sunday in each month with the Ministers at Woodhouse-Grove.
N.B. Brother Imisson shall reside at Guiseley.
- 328 *Woodhouse-Grove*, John Ryan, 1st, William Hessel; William Lord, Governor of Woodhouse-Grove School.
N.B. 1. Letters to the Superintendent and to the School should be directed to Woodhouse-Grove, Apperley-Bridge, near Leeds.
2. Brother Hessel shall reside at Idle (near Leeds).
ISAAC KEELING, *Chairman of the District*.
JOHN RATTENBURY, *Financial Secretary*.

XXII.—THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

- 329 *Sheffield, West, (Carver-Street, &c.,)* Edward Walker, William Jackson, 2d, John Clulow, George Mather; Samuel D. Waddy, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Proprietary School.
N.B. Brother Mather shall reside at Wadsley.
- 330 *Sheffield, East, (Norfolk-Street, &c.,)* James Methley, William Wilson, 3d, William M. Punshon, James Sugden.
N.B. Brother Sugden shall reside at Thorncliffe.
- 331 *Chesterfield*, John Roberts, 1st, Thomas Sheldon; Thomas H. Walker, Supernumerary.
- 332 *Bakewell*, Thompson Hesk, who shall change on one Sunday in each month with the Ministers at Chesterfield.
- 333 *Bradwell*, John Bonser, Samuel T. Greathead.
- 334 *Rotherham*, Peter Budd, Timothy R. Moxon.
- 335 *Wath*, Abel Dernaley, William G. Duncan.
- 336 *Doncaster*, Peter Samuel, Joseph Moorhouse, John P. Lockwood; George Crofts, Supernumerary.
- 337 *Barnsley*, John P. Sumner, John Smart.
- 338 *Retford*, Thomas Short, Edward Horton, John Shipham.
- 339 *Worksop*, Thomas D. Baines, Robert T. Rundle.
SAMUEL D. WADDY, *Chairman of the District*.
EDWARD WALKER, *Financial Secretary*.

XXIII.—THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT.

- 340 *Nottingham, South, (Halifax Chapel, &c.,)* William B. Stephenson, John Hay, John Lyth; Daniel S. Tatham, Supernumerary.
- 341 *Nottingham, North, (Wesley Chapel, &c.,)* James J. Topham, George Roebuck.
- 342 *Ilkestone*, William Winterburn, who shall change once a month with the Ministers of the two Nottingham Circuits.
- 343 *Mansfield*, William B. Dennis, Joshua Mottram; Richard Allen, Supernumerary.

- 344 *Newark*, Joseph Raynar, Henry Hastling; John Hickling, Supernumerary.
 345 *Bingham*, Thomas Brown, John Locke.
 346 *Leicester*, Charles Hawthorne, Thomas S. Wood; David Deakin, Supernumerary.
 347 *Melton-Mowbray*, Jesse Edgoose, Richard Petch.
 348 *Oakham*, John Weatherstone.
 N.B. Brother Weatherstone shall change on one Sunday in each alternate month with the Ministers at Melton-Mowbray and Stamford.
 349 *Stamford*, Seth Dixon, John Dixon; John Ingham, Supernumerary.
 350 *Grantham*, James C. Hindson, Thomas Crosby.
 351 *Peterborough*, William Drewitt, Henry W. Holland.
 352 *Loughborough*, John B. Whittingham, George Buckley.
 353 *Castle-Donington*, Thomas Jones, 1st, John Rhodes.
 354 *Derby*, John Brown, 1st, George F. White, John M. Kirk.
 355 *Ashbourne*, Frederick Slight, who shall change once a month with the Ministers at Derby.
 356 *Belper*, Thomas Shaw, Peter Featherstone.
 357 *Ripley, (near Alfreton,)* Henry Graham, John A. Armstrong.
 358 *Ashby-de-la-Zouch*, Richard Rymer, John Richards, 2d.
 359 *Burton-on-Trent*, William W. Rouch, Abel Burgess; James Wilson, Supernumerary.
 360 *Cromford*, Henry Dean, Edward Watson.
 JAMES J. TOPHAM, *Chairman of the District.*
 WILLIAM B. STEPHENSON, *Financial Secretary.*

XXIV.—THE LINCOLN DISTRICT.

- 361 *Lincoln*, Thomas H. Squance, Joseph T. Milner, Anthony Ward; John M'Lean, Supernumerary.
 362 *Sleaford*, John Keightley, William Ford, William Shaw, 2d.
 363 *Market-Raisen*, George Birley, Thomas Hughes; Thomas Padman, Supernumerary.
 364 *Louth*, Richard Ray, Robert Bond, Alexander T. James, Charles Garrett.
 365 *Horncastle*, John Wilson, 1st, John D. Julian, William H. Bambridge; James Hopewell, Supernumerary.
 366 *Alford*, William Binning, John Talbot; Robert Bryant, Supernumerary.
 367 *Coningsby*, Benjamin G. Mitchell, who shall change with the Ministers at Boston and Horncastle, once in every seven weeks with each Circuit alternately.
 368 *Spilsby*, Thomas Cocking, Edward Bramford.
 369 *Boston*, John Tindall, Daniel Chapman.
 370 *Wainfleet*, Robert Lyon, John Eaton.
 N.B. Brother Eaton shall reside at Old Leake.
 371 *Spalding*, William Bramford, Felix H. Pickworth.
 N.B. Brother Pickworth shall reside at Holbeach.

- 372 *Bourne*, Richard Smailes, who shall change once in six weeks with the Ministers of the Sleaford and Spalding Circuits.

RICHARD RAY, *Chairman of the District.*
JOHN TINDALL, *Financial Secretary.*

XXV.—THE HULL DISTRICT.

- 373 *Hull, West*, (*Waltham-Street, &c.*,) William W. Stamp, Thomas Vasey, George Dickinson; Benjamin Hudson, Joseph Cheesewright, Supernumeraries.
374 *Hull, East*, (*George-Yard, &c.*,) Joseph Hargreaves, William Cattle, William Andrews.
375 *Beverley*, Matthew Cranswick, William Spencer; Samuel Crompton, Charles North, Supernumeraries.
376 *Driffeld*, William Robson, Richard Brown, James Allen, 2d.
377 *Howden*, William Crookes, Joseph Officer, Richard Smetham.
378 *Patrington*, Edmund B. Warters, John Harrop.
379 *Hornsea*, John Simon, Daniel Farquhar.
380 *Grimsby*, Samuel Broadbent, Peter C. Horton, Nathan Rouse, Edmond Knaggs.
381 *Gainsborough*, Isaac Woodcock, Joseph Mortimer, John Nicholson.
382 *Epworth*, Henry Wilkinson, Henry B. Brown.
N.B. Brother Brown shall reside at Ouston-Ferry, near Bawtry.
383 *Snaith*, James Bate, Henry Owen, Charles G. Turton.
N.B. Brother Owen shall reside at Goole.
384 *Brigg*, William Parker, William H. Robson.
385 *Barton*, William J. Bullivant, Thomas Brumwell, Edward Stokes; John Nowell, 1st, Supernumerary.
386 *Bridlington*, Aquila Barber, William Bridgnell, John Ward, 2d.
N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Bridlington-Quay.

WILLIAM W. STAMP, *Chairman of the District.*
JOSEPH HARGREAVES, *Financial Secretary.*

XXVI.—THE YORK DISTRICT.

- 387 *York*, Israel Holgate, William Bond, David Hay, Frederick Griffiths; John Burdsall, Anthony Triffit, William Carlton, Thomas Eastwood, William Jewitt, Supernumeraries.
388 *Tadcaster*, Josiah Hudson, John Walters.
389 *Pocklington*, John Ward, 1st, Joseph Kipling.
390 *Malton*, Matthew Banks, George Smith, 1st, Theophilus Pearson; Daniel Jackson, Supernumerary.
391 *Easingwold*, John Rossell, John Parry, James Kendall, 2d.
N.B. Brother Kendall shall reside at Helmsley.
392 *Scarborough*, John E. Coulson, James P. Dunn, Henry J. Booth.
393 *Pickering*, Richard Hornabrook, Robert W. Broomfield; Joseph Frank, Supernumerary.

- 394 *Thirsk*, William Ash, Jonathan Cadman, Edward King;
John Kemp, Supernumerary.
395 *Ripon*, Charles Cheetham, Thomas Pearson, 3d.
396 *Selby*, Henry Hine, Richard Sergeant, Thomas Brookes.
ISRAEL HOLGATE, *Chairman of the District.*
DAVID HAY, *Financial Secretary.*

XXVII.—THE WHITBY AND DARLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 397 *Whitby*, Theophilus Pugh, John Watson, Jabez Ingham.
N.B. Brother Ingham shall reside at Fryup.
398 *Stokesley*, John Jackson, John M. Joll, Joseph R. Cleminson;
William Rennison, Joseph Hutton, Supernumeraries.
N.B. Brother Joll shall reside at Guisborough.
399 *Darlington*, Thomas P. Clarke, John I. Dredge.
400 *Stockton*, Robert Inglis, Henry Richardson, John Blackwell;
John Owen, Supernumerary.
401 *Barnard-Castle*, Thomas M. Fitzgerald, Edward Crofts, Benjamin Frankland, jun., B.A.
N.B. Brother Crofts shall reside at Barningham,
near Richmond, Yorkshire.
402 *Bishop-Auckland*, John Haigh, Thomas M'Cullagh.
403 *Middleham*, George Beard, William Jackson, 3d.
404 *Richmond*, John Lewis, William Swindells.
405 *Reeth*, Harry Pedley, William Fern.
406 *Bedale*, John Hague, Charles Currelly; William Shackleton, Supernumerary.
THEOPHILUS PUGH, *Chairman of the District.*
THOMAS P. CLARKE, *Financial Secretary.*

XXVIII.—THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

- 407 *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, John P. Haswell, William R. Williams,
Luke Tyerman; Francis Neale, Supernumerary.
408 *Gateshead*, Robert Cooke, William Ingram.
409 *North-Shields*, Samuel Fiddian, Francis S. Keeling.
410 *Blyth and Morpeth*, John Hanson, Jacob Turvey.
411 *South-Shields*, William A. Quick, Abraham Stead.
412 *Sunderland*, Thomas S. Monkhouse, John Randerson, Charles Povah; George Clarke, Supernumerary.
413 *Houghton-le-Spring*, John H. Faull, William Hirst.
414 *Durham*, William Wilson, 2d, William Hales, Robert Stephenson, B.A.
415 *Wolsingham*, George Hobill, Henry J. Staley.
N.B. Brother Staley shall reside at St. John's,
Weardale.
416 *Hexham*, Hugh Johnson, John Pogson.
417 *Shotley-Bridge*, Thomas Pearson, 2d, Richard Martin.
418 *Alston*, Thomas Savage, John Reacher.
419 *Allendale-Town*, James Lemmon, William H. Cave.

- 420 *Alnwick*, Christopher Newton ; James Dunbar, Supernumerary.
 421 *Berwick*, Robert Totherick, who shall change on two Sundays in each quarter with the Ministers of Alnwick.
 JOHN P. HASWELL, *Chairman of the District*.
 WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS, *Financial Secretary*.

XXIX.—THE CARLISLE DISTRICT.

- 422 *Carlisle*, Joseph Watson, Francis J. Sharr.
 423 *Brampton*, Lancelot Railton, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Carlisle.
 424 *Whitehaven*, Ambrose Freeman, James Chalmers, M.A.
 425 *Workington*, George Clement, Robert Brown.
 N.B. Brother Brown shall reside at Cockermouth.
 426 *Appleby*, Samuel Bowman, George Abbott.
 N.B. Brother Abbott shall reside at Brough.
 427 *Penrith*, George Hughes, Charles Nightingale, William W. Duke.
 428 *Wigton and Keswick*, Thomas Burrows, John Hooton.
 N.B. Brother Hooton shall reside at Keswick.
 429 *Kendal*, Peter Wilkinson, John Livingston ; William Hudleston, Supernumerary.
 430 *Ulverstone*, George Patterson, Rupert Chawner.
 431 *Dumfries*, Alexander Mansie, who shall change once a quarter with the Ministers at Carlisle.
 JOSEPH WATSON, *Chairman of the District*.
 AMBROSE FREEMAN, *Financial Secretary*.

XXX.—THE ISLE OF MAN DISTRICT.

- 432 *Douglas and Castletown*, Hugh Beech, William Shearman, George W. Olver, B.A.
 433 *Ramsay and Peel*, Abraham Watmough, John Collier, Thomas S. Raby.
 HUGH BEECH, *Chairman of the District*.
 ABRAHAM WATMOUGH, *Financial Secretary*.

XXXI.—THE EDINBURGH AND ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

- 434 *Edinburgh*, George Turner, 1st, Joseph B. Dawson ; Humphrey Stevenson, Supernumerary.
 435 *Dunbar and Haddington*, Theophilus Talbot, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Edinburgh.
Greenock, Thomas T. Dilks, who shall change with the Minister in the Glasgow East Circuit on one Sunday in every six weeks.
 436 *Glasgow, West*, Jacob Stanley, William Allen, 4th.
 437 *Glasgow, East*, John Drake.
 438 *Airdrie*, Peter Prescott, George P. Hester.
 439 *Stirling and Doune*, John C. George.

- 440 *Ayr*, Samuel Healey.
 441 *Aberdeen*, Jabez Palmer, Joshua Mason, Thomas L. Parker;
 David Edgar, Supernumerary.
 442 *Dundee*, George Turner, 2d.
 443 *Perth*, John Mearns, who shall change once in every six
 weeks with the Minister at Dundee.
 444 *Arbroath and Montrose*, Ninian Barr, John T. Duncan.
 N.B. Brother Duncan shall reside at Montrose.
 445 *Banff*, Andrew Rennard, who shall change with the
 Ministers at Aberdeen once a quarter.
 446 *Inverness*, Uriah Butters, who shall change with the Minister
 at Banff on two Sundays in every six weeks.
- GEORGE TURNER, 1st, *Chairman of the District*.
 JOHN DRAKE, *Financial Secretary*.

XXXII.—THE SHETLAND ISLES DISTRICT.

- 447 *Lerwick*, James Findlay, Benjamin N. Haworth, William
 Unsworth.
 N.B. Brother Haworth shall reside at Dunrossness,
 and Brother Unsworth in the Island of Whalsay.
 448 *Walls*, William Foster.
 449 *North-Mavin and Delting*, William Parsonson.
 450 *North Isles*, Jonathan Dent; William Langridge, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Dent shall reside in the Island of
 Unst.

JAMES FINDLAY, *Chairman of the District*.

IRELAND.

I.—THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

- 451 *Dublin, South*, (*Centenary Chapel, &c.*,) Robert Masaroon, John
 Duncan, Wallace M'Mullen; Robinson Scott,
 Governor and Chaplain of the Connexional
 School; William Ferguson, William Stewart,
 William Crook, sen., Thomas Beamish, Henry
 M. Beale, A.B., Supernumeraries.
 452 *Dublin, North*, (*Abbey-Street Chapel, &c.*,) John Williams, John
 Bagley, William Crook, jun.; Michael Burrows,
 Supernumerary.
 453 *Kingstown*, John F. Mathews, who shall change every third
 Sunday with the Ministers of the Dublin Circuits;
 George M'Ilwaine, Charles M'Cormick, George
 Burrows, John Jebb, Supernumeraries.
 454 *Drogheda*, John Greer, William G. Campbell.

- 455 *Wicklow*, John C. Storey, who is to reside in Rathdrum,
Thomas A. M'Kee.

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Chairman of the District.*

II.—THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

- 456 *Waterford*, John Nelson, John Saul.
457 *Carlow*, Edward M. Banks, Charles L. Grant; Robert
Banks, Supernumerary.
458 *Newtownbarry*, James Black, Thomas Guard.
459 *Wezford*, John Holmes, John Oliver.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

III.—THE CORK DISTRICT.

- 460 *Cork*, William P. Appelbe, LL.D., James Hutchison;
Joshua Harman, Supernumerary.
Queenstown, James B. Gillman, Supernumerary.
461 *Bandon*, John H. Atkins, Colin M'Kay; John Liddy,
Supernumerary.
Harbour-View, Thomas Waugh.
N.B. Letters for Brother T. Waugh should be
directed to Bandon.
462 *Skibbereen*, George Vance, James S. Waugh; John Waugh,
Supernumerary.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

- 463 *Limerick*, William Lupton, John Hughes.
464 *Roscrea*, Robert Wallace, Richard Maxwell.
465 *Cloughjordan*, John Higgins; John Rogers, Supernumerary.
N.B. Letters for Brother Higgins should be directed
to Borrisokane.

WILLIAM LUPTON, *Chairman of the District.*

V.—THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

- 466 *Tullamore*, Richard T. Tracy, William Mulloy.
467 *Athlone*, William Christie.
468 *Maryborough*, John Carey, William Gorman.
469 *Longford*, Robert Black, Edward Johnston, 2d.

JOHN CAREY, *Chairman of the District.*

VI.—THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

- 470 *Sligo*, Robert Bruce, Robert Crook, A.B.
471 *Castlebar*, James Patterson, who shall change on two Sundays
in the quarter with the Missionary in Westport.
472 *Ballina*, Robert Bell, who shall change on two Sundays in
the quarter with the Missionary at Killala.

- 473 *Boyle*, Francis Morrow, who shall reside in Drumshambo,
Oliver M'Cutcheon.

ROBERT BRUCE, *Chairman of the District.*

VII.—THE CLONES DISTRICT.

- 474 *Clones*, James Collier, Joseph Johnston, who is to reside in
Belturbet.
475 *Cootehill*, John Hazleton, John Gilcriest.
476 *Cavan*, William Lebert, who is to reside in Killesandra,
James Carey.
477 *Monaghan and Castleblaney*, John Foster, who is to reside in
Monaghan, Robert Campbell, who is to reside in
Castleblaney.
478 *Aughnacloy*, Robert H. Lindsay, who shall change on one Sunday
in each quarter with Brother Foster in Monaghan.

ROBERT H. LINDSAY, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

- 479 *Enniskillen*, John Nash, Robert J. Meyer; Robert Crozier,
John Nesbitt, Supernumeraries.
480 *Brookborough*, Robert Hamilton, James Donnelly.
481 *Manorhamilton*, John Gilbert, Thomas Cooke.
482 *Loutherstown*, Frederick Elliott, Charles Wood; William Douglas,
Supernumerary.
483 *Ballyshannon and Pettigo*, Thomas Foster, James Edwards;
Samuel Kyle, who resides in Pettigo, Supernumerary.

JOHN NASH, *Chairman of the District.*

IX.—THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

- 484 *Londonderry*, Henry Price, William G. Price.
485 *Strabane*, Robert Hewitt, Thomas Pearson; William Finley,
Supernumerary.
486 *Omagh*, William Hoey, 1st, Alexander Twiss; Arthur
Noble, Robert Carson, Supernumeraries.

HENRY PRICE, *Chairman of the District.*

X.—THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

- 487 *Belfast, South*, (*Donegal-Square Chapel, &c.*,) Robert Huston,
Joseph W. M'Kay; Edward Johnston, 1st,
Supernumerary.
488 *Belfast, North*, (*Frederick-Street Chapel, &c.*,) Daniel M'Afee,
Robert G. Jones; Samuel Downing, Edward
Cobain, Supernumeraries.
489 *Ballyclare*, Robert Beauchamp, who shall change alternately
with the Ministers of the Belfast South and North
Circuits on one Sunday in every six weeks.
490 *Donaghadee*, James Tobias, Benjamin Bayly, who shall reside in
Newtownards; Samuel M'Dowell, Supernumerary,
who resides in Kircubbin.
491 *Carrickfergus*, Thomas Hickey, who is to reside in Larne, James
C. Bass.

- 492 *Coleraine*, William Reilly, Robert Hazleton.
 493 *Magherafelt*, Robert G. Cather, A.M., George Chambers, James Shaw.
 N.B. Letters for Brother Cather to be directed to Moneymore.
 494 *Lisburn*, William Hoey, 2d, Robert Johnston; James Johnston, Supernumerary.
 495 *Downpatrick*, Robert A. Devers, John Wilson.

WILLIAM REILLY, *Chairman of the District.*

XI.—THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

- 496 *Newry*, Thomas Meredith, John Dwyer, who is to reside in Warrenpoint.
 497 *Dungannon*, John Armstrong, Robert Collier; Edward Hazleton, who resides in Moy, Nathaniel Hobart, Supernumeraries.
 N.B. Letters for Brother Hobart to be directed to Coal-Island.
 498 *Armagh*, Thomas Ballard, John W. Ballard; William Armstrong, Supernumerary.
 499 *Lurgan*, William Cather, James Donald.
 500 *Moir and Dromore*, Edward Harpur, who is to reside in Dromore, Jeremiah Wilson, who is to reside in Moira.
 501 *Tandragee*, William Browne, John R. Porter.
 502 *Portadown*, James Hughes, William Quaile.

THOMAS BALLARD, *Chairman of the District.*

IRISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

I. EUROPE.

IRELAND.

- 1 *Lucan and Trim*, William Lough, Samuel Patterson.
 2 *Kilkenny*, Henry J. Giles, George Alley.
 3 *Youghal*, John Hill.
 4 *Fermoy*, Samuel Cowdy, Supernumerary.
 5 *Kinsale*, Thomas Moran, who shall change with the Ministers in Bandon, under the direction of the Superintendent of that Circuit.
 6 *Berehaven-Mines*, Mortlock Long.
 7 *Tralee*, John Donald.
 8 *Killarney*, John Feely.
 9 *Ballinasloe*, Samuel Ferguson.
 10 *Ennis*, John Harrington, Supernumerary.
 11 *Nenagh and Killaloe*, John Walker.
 12 *Kilrush*, Henry Geddes.
 13 *Galway*, James Murdock, who shall change with the Missionary in Connemara one Sunday in each quarter; William Cornwall, Supernumerary.

- 14 *Connemara*, James Henry.
 15 *Westport*, Gibson M'Millen.
 16 *Killala*, Samuel Johnson.
 17 *Belmullet and Erris*, Thomas W. Baker.
 18 *Donegal*, Hugh Moore, William Burnside; William Keys, Francis Stephens, Supernumeraries.
 19 *Rathmelton*, Thomas K. Whitaker.
 20 *Ballymena*, Edward Best; Thomas M'Lorinan, who resides in Antrim, Supernumerary.

N.B.—Instead of re-appointing a General Missionary to travel on the Mission Stations, the Conference resolves that there shall be, in the course of the next year, a visitation of the Missions and Circuits in general, by deputations of Ministers according to well-arranged plans, embracing as many places as practicable on every tour; and that two additional Missionaries shall be stationed on two of the localities which present important openings for Missionary operations. The plan for the visitation of Missions and Circuits to be arranged at the August District-Meetings.

MEDITERRANEAN MISSIONS.

- 21 *Gibraltar*, (*English and Spanish Departments*,) George Alton.

II. ASIA.

CEYLON.

I.—THE SINGHALESE DISTRICT.

(SOUTH.)

- 22 *Colombo, South*, (*Fort and Colpetty*,) Daniel J. Gogerly.
 23 *Colombo, North*, (*Pettah*,) Andrew Kessen, LL.D. (who is Principal of the Native Normal Institution, and Central School, under the Central School Commission, appointed by the Ceylon Government); David de Sylva, Native Minister; John A. Poulier, Native Minister.
 24 *Negombo and Rillegalle*, Cornelius W. de Hoedt, Native Minister.
 25 *Seedua, Minuangodde, and Makawitta*, Daniel H. Pereira, Native Minister.
 N.B. The Negombo and Seedua Circuits are under the care of the Superintendent of the Colombo North Circuit.
 26 *Galkisse and Angulani*, Cornelius Wijesingha, Native Minister; Henry Pereira, Native Assistant Minister.
 27 *Morotto*, P. G. de Zylva, Native Minister.
 28 *Pantura, Bandaragama, and Raigam Corle*, Daniel H. Pereira, Native Minister; Joseph Fernando, Native Assistant Minister.

- 29 *Caltura*, John R. Parys, Native Minister.
 30 *Galle and Amblangodde*, Joseph Rippon.
 31 *Belligam*, A Catechist.
 32 *Matura*, William A. Lalmon, Native Minister.
 33 *Dondra*, Paul Rodrigo, Native Assistant Minister.
 34 *Goddapitiya*, A Catechist.
 N.B. The Belligam, Matura, Dondra, and Goddapitiya Circuits are under the care of the Superintendent of the Galle Circuit.

DANIEL J. GOGERLY, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in South Ceylon.*

II.—THE TAMUL DISTRICT.

(NORTH.)

- 35 *Jaffna, Wannerponne, and Puttoor*, Richard D. Griffith; William Barber, Educational Department; John S. Philips, Native Minister.
 36 *Point-Pedro and Cattervelley*, Richard Watson, Native Minister.
 N.B. The Point-Pedro Circuit is under the care of the Superintendent of the Jaffna Circuit.
 37 *Trincomalee*, John Walton.
 38 *Batticaloa, First, (Pulean-teevo,)* John Kilner; Simon Gasperson, Native Minister.
 39 *Batticaloa, Second, (Caravaoor,)* One wanted.

RICHARD D. GRIFFITH, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in North Ceylon.*

CONTINENTAL INDIA.

I.—THE MADRAS DISTRICT.

- 40 *Madras*, Samuel Hardey, Ebenezer E. Jenkins, Arminius Burgess; Peter J. Evers, Assistant Missionary.
 41 *Negapatam and Trivaloor*, Joseph Little; James Hobday, Assistant Missionary.
 42 *Trichinopoly and Manargoody*, John Pinkney.

SAMUEL HARDEY, *Chairman and General Superintendent of the Madras District.*

II.—THE MYSORE DISTRICT.

- 43 *Bangalore, (Canarese,)* John Garrett, Daniel Sanderson, Thomas B. Glanville.
 44 *Bangalore, (Tamil,)* Peter Batchelor.
 45 *Mysore*, Thomas Hodson, Edward J. Hardey. Two wanted.
 46 *Goobbee and Toomkoor*, Two wanted.
 47 *Coonghul*, Two wanted; Henry O. Sullivan, East Indian Minister.

THOMAS HODSON, *Chairman and General Superintendent of the Mysore District.*

CHINA.

48 *Canton*, George Piercy, William R. Beach, Josiah Cox.

MISSIONS IN AUSTRALASIA AND POLYNESIA.

I.—THE AUSTRALIA AND VAN-DIEMEN'S LAND DISTRICT.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

- 49 *Sydney, North, (York-Street)*, William B. Boyce, General Superintendent; Francis Tuckfield, John Eggleston.
 50 *Sydney, South, (Chippendale)*, Benjamin Chapman.
 51 *Sydney, East, (Surrey-Hills)*, Joseph Morris; Nathaniel Turner, William Schofield, Supernumeraries.
 52 *Paramatta*, Henry H. Gaud.
 53 *Windsor*, Joseph Oram; Joseph Fillingham, Assistant Missionary.
 54 *Bathurst, Sofala, and the Turon Gold-Mines*, Samuel Wilkinson, 1st; Joseph K. Piddington, Assistant Missionary.
 55 *Hunter-River*, Stephen Rabone; Charles W. Rigg, Assistant Missionary.
 56 *Mudgee*, John W. Pemell.
 57 *Camden*, No resident Missionary.
 N.B. Camden shall be visited once in the quarter by one of the Preachers from Sydney or Paramatta.
 58 *Wollongong*, No resident Missionary.
 N.B. One of the Sydney Preachers shall spend two Sabbaths in the quarter in the Wollongong Circuit.
 59 *Goulburn and Araluen Gold-Mines*, Benjamin Hurst, James Somerville.
 60 *Moreton-Bay*, John G. Millard.
 61 *Port-Macquarie*, Vacant for the present.

VICTORIA.

- 62 *Melbourne*, William Butters, Isaac Harding, James Bickford, Richard Hart, William P. Wells, Theophilus Taylor; John Whewell, Assistant Missionary.
 63 *Collingwood Gold-Fields*, John C. Symons, Assistant Missionary.
 64 *Geelong*, Frederick Lewis.
 65 *Kilmore*, No resident Missionary.
 66 *Belfast and Port-Fairy*, William Lightbody.
 67 *Portland*, One requested.
 68 *Mount-Alexander Gold-Fields*, William C. Currey; Joshua Chapman, Assistant Missionary.
 69 *Ballarat and Eureka Gold-Fields*, One required.
 70 *Brighton Gold-Fields*, William S. Byrnes, who shall act under the direction of the Melbourne Superintendent.
 71 *Kyneton*, No resident Missionary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

- 72 *Adelaide, North, (Brompton, Walkerville, &c.,)* Daniel J. Draper,
John Harcourt.
73 *Adelaide, South, (Pirie-Street, &c.,)* Thomas T. N. Hull.
74 *Port-Adelaide,* One earnestly requested.
75 *Gawler-Town and Kapunda,* One earnestly requested.
76 *Mount-Barker,* Joseph Dare, Assistant Missionary.
77 *Burra-Burra,* Robert C. Flockhart, Assistant Missionary.
78 *Willunga,* No resident Missionary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

- 79 *Swan-River, (Perth, &c.,)* Thomas Raston, William Lowe.
Native Institution, (York, &c.,) John Smithies.

VAN-DIEMEN'S LAND.

- 80 *Hobart-Town,* Edward Sweetman.
81 *New-Norfolk,* Thomas B. Harris.
82 *Campbell-Town,* Jonathan Innes.
83 *Launceston,* John A. Manton.
84 *Longford,* Jabez B. Waterhouse.
85 *Westbury,* One to be sent.
86 *Oatlands,* One to be sent.

WILLIAM BINNINGTON BOYCE, *Chairman of the District, and
General Superintendent of the Australian and Van-Diemen's
Land Mission.*

II.—THE NEW-ZEALAND DISTRICT.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 87 *Auckland,* Walter Lawry, General Superintendent ; Thomas
Buddle.
Wesleyan College and Seminary, Joseph H. Fletcher.
Native Institution, (Three Kings,) Alexander Reid.
88 *Manukau,* Henry H. Lawry.
89 *Kawhia,* John Whiteley.
90 *Aotea, (Beecham-Dale,)* Gideon Smales.
91 *Waingarua,* James Wallis.
92 *Waipa and Wakatutumu,* George Buttle.

NORTHERN SECTION.

- 93 *Mangungu and Wangaroa,* John Hobbs.
94 *Waipa and Newark,* John Warren.
95 *Waipara, (Kaipara,)* James Buller.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

- 96 *Wellington,* James Watkin, John Aldred.
97 *Nelson,* Samuel Ironside.
98 *New-Plymouth,* Henry H. Turton.
99 *Waimate,* William Woon.
100 *Waitotara,* George Stannard.

- 101 *Wanganui and Taupo*, William Kirk.
 102 *Waikawaiti, (near Otago,)* Charles Creed.

WALTER LAWRY, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in New-Zealand, and in the Friendly and Feejee Islands.*

III.—THE FRIENDLY ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- 103 *Tongatabu*, Thomas Adams, Thomas West, Walter J. Davis.
 104 *Habai, Tugua, &c.*, Matthew Wilson, George R. H. Miller; Peter Vi, Native Assistant Missionary.
 105 *Favau, Falevai, &c.*, Peter Turner, George Daniel, John Vercoe; John Faubula, Native Assistant Missionary.
 106 *Niua-Tabutabu*, Benjamin Latuselu, Native Assistant Missionary.
 107 *Niua-Fo-ou*, John Latu, Native Assistant Missionary.
 108 *Uvea, or Wallis's Island*, Vacant for the present.

PETER TURNER, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE FEEJEE DISTRICT.

- 109 *Lakemba, the Neav Islands, Ono and Vatoa, the Moala Group, and the Vanuambalairi Group, &c.*, Richard B. Lyth, John Malvern; Samuel Waterhouse, Assistant Missionary; William Wilson, 5th; Joel Bulu, Native Assistant Missionary, who resides at Ono.
 110 *Viwa, Bau, and Ovalau, &c.*, James Calvert, John Watsford; Joseph Waterhouse, Assistant Missionary; John Fordham; Paul Veal, Wesley Langy, Native Assistant Missionaries.
 N.B. Brother Watsford is to reside at Bau, and Brother Waterhouse at Ovalau.
 111 *Bua*, Thomas Williams, 2d; William Moore, Assistant Missionary.
 112 *Nandy*, David Hazlewood, John Polglase.
 113 *Lomaloma, Oneata, Nokorotumba, and Rotumah*, Under the care of Native Teachers.

RICHARD B. LYTH, *Chairman of the District.*

III. AFRICA.

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

I.—THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE DISTRICT.

- 114 *Cape-Town and Rondebosch*, William Moister, General Superintendent; Barnabas Shaw, Richard Ridgill.
 115 *Wynberg and Diep-River*, Benjamin Ridsdale.
 116 *Simon's Town and Elsey's River*, George Parsonson.
 117 *Stellenbosch and Raithby*, Edward Edwards.
 118 *Somerset (West) and Terrington-Grove*, Matthew Godman.
 119 *Khamies-Berg, (Little Namaqualand,)* John A. Bailie.

- 120 *Nisbett-Bath, (Great Namaqualand,)* Joseph Tindall.
 121 *Hoole's-Fountain, (Great Namaqualand,)* Henry Tindall, Assistant Missionary.

WILLIAM MOISTER, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the Cape of Good Hope District.*

II.—THE ALBANY, KAFFRARIA, AND BECHUANA DISTRICT.

COLONIAL CIRCUITS.

- 122 *Graham's-Town,* William Shaw, 1st, General Superintendent; George H. Green.
 123 *Graham's-Town, Wesley Chapel, (Kaffir Mission,)* William Impey.
 124 *Salem and Farmerfield,* William C. Holden.
 125 *Bathurst and Lower Albany,* John Wilson, 2d.
 126 *Fort-Beaufort,* Henry H. Dugmore.
 127 *Division of Beaufort, (Kaffir Mission,)* John Ayliff.

N.B. The two Missionaries in these Circuits shall change on every third Sunday.

- 128 *Port-Elizabeth and Uitenhage,* James Cameron.
 129 *Cradock,* John Edwards.
 130 *Somerset,* John Smith, 3d.
 131 *Burgher's-Dorp,* Purdon Smailes.
 132 *D'Urhon, (Kaffir Mission,)* Port-Philip, William H. Garner.
 133 *Newton-Dale,* No resident Minister.

N.B. The Ministers of the Colonial Circuits are to change regularly under the direction of the General Superintendent.

BRITISH KAFFRARIA.

- 134 *Mount-Coke and Wesleyville,* Francis P. Gladwin, John W. Appleyard.
 N.B. Brother Appleyard is Editor, and Superintendent of our Missions.
 135 *King-William's Town and East London,* George Chapman.
 136 *Haslope-Hills and Kamastone,* William Shepstone.
 137 *Kama's Tribe, Keiskamma,* William Sargeant.
 138 *Lesseyton, Imvani, and Bonkolo,* Ebenezer D. Hepburn.
 139 *Wittebergen,* Johannes P. Bertram.

KAFFRARIA PROPER.

1. AMAXOSA.

- 140 *Butterworth,* Vacant for the present.
 141 *Beecham-Wood,* One requested.

2. ABATEMBU.

- 142 *Clarkebury,* Vacant for the present.
 143 *Morley,* One requested.

3. AMAMPONDO.

- 144 *Buntingville,* Charles White, Assistant Missionary.
 145 *Shawbury,* John S. Thomas.

THE BECHUANA COUNTRY.

- 146 *Thaba-Unchu*, (*Baralongs*,) and *Lokuala*, (*Basutos*,) One earnestly requested.
- 147 *Plaatberg*, (*Newlanders and Basutos*,) Richard Giddy.
- 148 *Lishuani*, *Umpukani*, and *Mirametsu*, (*Basutos*,) Gottlob Schreiner.
- 149 *Imparani*, (*Batlokua*,) Under the superintendence of the Missionary at *Plaatberg*.
- 150 *Colesberg*, Under the superintendence of the Chairman of the District.
- 151 *Bloem-Fontein*, Purdon Smailes.
- 152 *Tauane's Tribe*, (*Baralongs*,) Joseph D. M. Ludorf, Assistant Missionary.

WILLIAM SHAW, 1st, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in South-Eastern Africa.*

III.—THE PORT-NATAL AND AMAZULU DISTRICT.

- 153 *D'Urban*, Calvert Spenseley, Joseph Gaskin.
- 154 *Pietermaritzberg*, Horatio Pearse, John Thomas, 2d.
- 155 *Kwangubeni*, (*Zwaartkops*,) One wanted.
- 156 *Indaleni*, Joseph Jackson, Supernumerary.
- 157 *Palmerton*, (*Faku's Mission*,) Thomas Jenkins.

HORATIO PEARSE, *Chairman of the District.*

WESTERN AFRICA.

I.—SIERRA-LEONE.

- 158 *Free-Town*, *King Tom's Point*, &c., James Edney, Richard Fletcher, Robert Gilbert, Lionel D. Reay.
- 159 *Wilberforce*, *Aberdeen*, *Congo-Town*, *Murray-Town*, *New-Town*, *Lumley*, &c., Joseph May, Native Minister.
- 160 *Hastings*, *Wellington*, &c., George H. Decker, Native Minister. One earnestly requested.
- 161 *York*, *Plantain's Island*, &c., Joseph Wright, Native Minister.

JAMES EDNEY, *General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Missions at Sierra-Leone.*

II.—THE GAMBIA.

- 162 *St. Mary's*, George Meadows. One to be sent.
- 163 *Barra*, No resident Missionary.
- 164 *McCarthy's Island*, Charles Knight, Native Minister.

GEORGE MEADOWS, *General Superintendent of the Gambia Missions.*

III.—THE GOLD COAST, ASHANTI, AND OTHER PARTS OF GUINEA.

- 165 *Cape-Coast Town*, *Dixcove*, *Sekundi*, *Beulah*, *Providence*, *Abrobonko*, *Issuakil*, *Mampon*, *Abbakrampa*, *Akroful*, *Dunkwa*, and *Abaka*, Thomas B. Freeman; John Ossu Ansah, J. Solomon, Native Assistant Missionaries.

- 166 *Anamabu, Abassa, Ejimakun, Assafa, and Essuahia*, Timothy Laing, Native Assistant Missionary.
 167 *Domonasi, Donasi, Abuadi, Ebuadzi, Ayeredu, and Aarbu-Tan*, George P. Brown, Native Assistant Missionary.
 168 *James-Town, (Akrah,) Winnibah, Prampram, Ningo, Poni, Tamma, Shy, Krobo, and Adda*, Henry Wharton, Ebenezer A. Gardiner.
 169 *Kumasi and Juabin*, Joseph Dawson, Native Assistant Missionary.
 170 *Badagry and Abbeokuta*, John A. Martin, Native Minister.

THOMAS B. FREEMAN, *General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Missions in Guinea.*

IV. AMERICA.

WEST INDIES.

I.—THE ANTIGUA DISTRICT.

- 171 *Antigua*, Henry Bleby, Samuel Simons, George Blanchflower, Walter Garry. One to be sent.
 172 *Dominica*, William Satchell, Aaron Edman.
 173 *Montserrat*, Samuel Smyth.
 174 *Nevis*, William Ritchie, William F. Turtle.
 175 *St. Christopher's*, James Cox, William T. Waymouth, Thomas M. Chambers, Theophilus S. Gregory.
 176 *St. Eustatius and St. Bartholomew's*, Benjamin Tregaskis.
 177 *St. Martin's and Anguilla*, George Sargeant.
 178 *Tortola, Virgin Islands, &c.*, Robert Hawkins, Joshua Jordan.

JAMES COX, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the Antigua District.*

II.—THE ST. VINCENT'S AND DEMERARA DISTRICT.

- 179 *St. Vincent's, Kingstown*, John Horsford, William Cleaver. One to be sent. Gilbert Irvine, Assistant Missionary.
 180 *St. Vincent's, Biabou*, Henry Hurd, Henry P. Wilson, James Elliott; William H. Griffith, Assistant Missionary.
 181 *Grenada*, James Banfield, Robert W. Clegg.
 182 *Trinidad*, William Limmex, Henry Andrews.
 183 *Tobago*, David Barley, John Moses.
 184 *Demerara, George-Town*, William Hudson, John Corlett, Joseph Biggs, William Heath, John E. S. Williams, John Wood, 2d.
 N.B. Brother Heath is to reside at Abram's Zuil.
 Brother Williams is to devote his attention entirely to the immigrant Coolies. Brother Wood is to reside at New-Amsterdam.
 185 *Demerara, Mahaica*, Richard Wrench.
 186 *Demerara, Victoria*, Samuel Brown, 3d.

- 187 *Barbadoes*, William Bannister, Thomas Butcher, Tilney Rising,
John Smith, 4th, James H. Bishop.

WILLIAM BANNISTER, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the St. Vincent's and Demerara District.*

III.—THE JAMAICA DISTRICT.

- 188 *Kingston*, Jonathan Edmondson, General Superintendent;
James Atkins, Edward Fraser, Joseph Webster.
One wanted.
- 189 *Montego-Bay and Lucea*, Edwin Blake; William Holdsworth,
Assistant Missionary.
- 190 *Spanish-Town*, William Tyson.
- 191 *Morant-Bay, Yallahs, and Port-Morant*, Herbert Carter; James
Kerr, Assistant Missionary.
- 192 *Guy's-Hill and Watsonville*, Timothy Curtis.
- 193 *Grateful-Hill*, William Sinclair.
- 194 *Falmouth*, Samuel Burrell.
- 195 *St. Ann's Bay*, William Hodgson.
- 196 *Ocho-Rios*, George Smith, 4th.
- 197 *Beechamville*, David Kerr.
- 198 *Bath and Manchioneal*, James Rowden, Henry B. Foster.
- 199 *Port-Antonio*, Alexander Foote.
- 200 *Clarendon*, John Vaz, Assistant Missionary.
- 201 *Mount-Ward, Savannah-la-Mar, and Black-River*, William West.
One wanted.
- 202 *Brown's-Town*, George Millsom.
- 203 *Duncan's*, Martin Young. One wanted.
- 204 *Mount-Fletcher*, Richard Harding.
- 205 *Linstead*, William G. Stedman.
- 206 *Belize and Ruatan, (Honduras-Bay,)* Herbert W. Haime. One
wanted.

JONATHAN EDMONDSON, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions and Schools in Jamaica.*

IV.—THE BAHAMA DISTRICT.

- 207 *New-Providence*, Hilton Cheesbrough, William English.
- 208 *Eleuthera, First, (Rock-Sound, &c.,)* Thomas Lofthouse.
- 209 *Eleuthera, Second, (Governor's Harbour, &c.,)* Thomas Cannell.
- 210 *Harbour-Island*, James T. Hartwell.
- 211 *Abaco*, James Hutchins.
- 212 *Turk's-Islands*, Alexander J. Thompson.

ST. DOMINGO.

- 213 *Port-au-Plaat, Samana, &c.,* William Towler.

HILTON CHEESBROUGH, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the Bahama Islands and St. Domingo.*

V.—THE HAYTI DISTRICT.

- 214 *Port-au-Prince*, Mark B. Bird.
 215 *Jérémie*, Charles H. Bishop.
 216 *Cayes*, St. Denis Bauduy.
 217 *Cape-Haitien and Gonaïves*, William Williams, 3d; Othello Bayard, Assistant Missionary.

MARK B. BIRD, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Hayti Missions.*

THE BRITISH DOMINIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

I.—WESTERN CANADA.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

- 218 *Mount-Elgin and Muncey*, Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School; John Sunday, Abraham Sickles.
 219 *St. Clair*, Robert Brooking, Allen Salt.
 220 *New-Credit*, David Wright.
 221 *Grand-River*, William Ryerson. One wanted. Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.
 222 *Bowmanville and Schoogog*, Charles Fish, George M'Ritchie.
 223 *Mud-Lake*, Stephen Miles.
 224 *Rice-Lake*, Thomas Hurlburt.
 225 *Alderville*, James Musgrove, whose attention will be principally directed to the Industrial School; William Case, with permission to visit different parts of the work, as his health and circumstances may permit.
 226 *Rama*, Horace Dean.
 227 *Beausoliel and French-River*, William Herkimer. One to be sent.
 228 *Owen's Sound*, Samuel Fear; John Neelands, Supernumerary.
 229 *Nawash and Colpoy's-Bay*, Conrad Vandusen.
 230 *Saugeeng*, Peter Jacobs.
 231 *Lake-Huron, North Shore*, To be supplied.
 232 *Snake-Island and South Shore, Lake-Simcoe*, Robert Lohead.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

- 233 *Brockville*, James Elliott.
 234 *Erin*, Charles Taylor.
 235 *Mono*, William Steer.
 236 *Cookstown*, Luther O. Rice.
 237 *Penetanguishene-Road*, Stephen Brownell.
 238 *Proton*, To be supplied.
 239 *Kincardine*, Andrew Smith, who shall change with Brother Clarke (of Goderich) once in three weeks.
 240 *Bruce-Mines*, Joseph Hill.
 241 *Durham*, Samuel E. Maudsley.
 242 *Derby*, One to be sent.

- 243 *Amherstburgh*, John Goodfellow.
 244 *Sandwich and Windsor*, Edward White. One wanted.
 245 *Wallaceburgh*, Francis Chapman.
 246 *Wardsville*, William Ames.
 247 *Strathroy*, John K. Williston.
 248 *Warwick*, George Case.
 249 *Devonshire*, John Webster.
 250 *Goderich*, Charles Sylvester, James Clarke.
 251 *Morpeth*, Richard Phelps.
 252 *Nanticoke*, Solomon Waldron. One wanted.
 253 *Dunville*, Thomas Williams. One to be sent.
 254 *Crowland*, Thomas Jeffers, John Shaw ; John Baxter, Superannuated.
 255 *Cayuga-Heights*, Robert Corson. One to be sent.
 256 *Elora*, James Armstrong. One wanted.
 257 *Peel*, John Armstrong, 1st, Thomas Culbert ; Ezra Adams, Superannuated.
 258 *Cartwright*, John Sanderson.
 259 *Metcalf*, John C. Osborne.
 260 *Lindsay*, Thomas Hanna. One to be sent.
 261 *Shannonville*, Abraham Dayman.
 262 *Hungerford*, To be supplied.
 263 *Madoc*, Michael Baxter.
 264 *Rawdon*, George F. Playter.
 265 *Percy*, George Carr.
 266 *Norwood*, James C. Slater. One to be sent.
 267 *Bath and Amherst-Isle*, George Beynon. One to be sent.
 268 *Sheffield*, William H. Williams.
 269 *Hinchinbrook*, To be supplied.
 270 *Cornwall*, Vincent B. Howard. To be supplied.
 271 *Winchester*, Robert Brewster.
 272 *Sherbrooke*, David Hardie ; Alvah Adams, Superannuated.
 273 *Richmond*, James Greener, Richard M. Hammond.
 274 *St. Andrew's*, Thomas W. Constable, Silas Huntingdon.
 275 *Lochaber*, One to be sent.
 276 *Osgood*, William M. Pattyson, Henry M'Dowell.
 277 *Gattineau*, John Howes.
 278 *Clarendon and Portage-de-Forte*, Thomas M'Mullen. One to be sent.
 279 *Westmeath*, One to be sent.
 280 *Stouffville*, Cornelius Flummerfelt.
 281 *St. Mary's*, Charles W. M. Gilbert.
 282 *Mitchell*, One to be sent.

II.—EASTERN CANADA.

- 283 *Montreal, Centre*, John Jenkins ; John Douglas, Supernumerary.
 284 *Montreal, West*, William Scott.
 285 *Montreal, East*, George Douglas, Assistant Missionary.
 286 *Quebec*, John Borland.
 287 *Point-Levi*, One wanted. John B. Selley, Supernumerary.

- 288 *Three-Rivers*, Charles de Wolfe, A.M.
 289 *Rawdon and Wesleyville*, Erastus Hurlburt. One wanted.
 290 *St. John's and Chambly*, John C. Davidson.
 291 *Odell-Town and Hemingford*, James Brock. One wanted.
 292 *Huntingdon*, George H. Davis.
 293 *Russelltown*, Thomas Campbell.
 294 *Clarenceville*, Henry Lanton.
 295 *St. Armand's*, Giffard Dorey.
 296 *Dunham*, Hugh Montgomery; Edmund S. Ingalls, Supernumerary. One wanted.
 297 *Shefford and Granby*, Rufus A. Flanders. One wanted.
 298 *Stanstead*, John Tomkins.
 299 *Compton*, William Andrews.
 300 *Barnston*, One wanted.
 301 *Sherbrooke and Eaton*, Benjamin Slight, A.M. One wanted.
 302 *Deedswell*, One wanted.
 303 *Melbourne*, Malcolm M'Donald.
 304 *Danville*, One wanted.
 305 *Leeds*, John Armstrong, 3d, Assistant Missionary.
 306 *Gaspe*, One wanted.

JOHN JENKINS, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

III.—THE NOVA-SCOTIA WEST, AND BERMUDA DISTRICT.

- 307 *Halifax*, Matthew Richey, D.D., Henry Pope, jun., Alexander W. M'Leod, D.D., Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan; William Bennett, William Crocombe, Supernumeraries.
 308 *Dartmouth and Musquodobit*, Charles Stewart, Assistant Missionary.
 309 *St. Margaret's-Bay and Sambro*, John L. Sponagle, Assistant Missionary.
 310 *Lunenburg*, Richard Weddall.
 311 *Petite-Rivière*, Henry Pope, sen.
 312 *Liverpool and Mill's-Village*, Rowland Morton; Hezekiah M'Keoun, Assistant Missionary.
 313 *Shelburne*, One wanted.
 314 *Barrington*, Jeremiah V. Jost.
 315 *Yarmouth*, William Wilson, 1st.
 316 *Horton and Cornwallis*, Frederick Smallwood; Frederick W. Moore, Assistant Missionary.
 317 *Windsor*, John M'Murray; John Marshall, Supernumerary.
 318 *Newport*, Thomas H. Davies; Joseph Hart, Assistant Missionary.
 319 *Maitland*, George W. Tuttle, Assistant Missionary.
 320 *Bermuda*, Isaac Whitehouse, Thomas M. Albrighton; James Horne, Supernumerary.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D., *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

IV.—THE NOVA-SCOTIA EAST, AND PRINCE EDWARD'S
ISLAND, DISTRICT.

- 321 *Charlotte-Town*, Ephraim Evans, D.D., Richard Smith ; Thomas Gaetz, Assistant Missionary ; John B. Strong, Supernumerary.
322 *Pownal*, Alexander M'Leod Desbrisay, Assistant Missionary.
323 *Bedeque and Tryon*, Wesley C. Beals ; William C. M'Kinnon, Assistant Missionary.
324 *Truro and River-John*, James Buckley.
325 *Amherst*, George O. Huestis.
326 *Parsborough*, Robert E. Crane.
327 *Wallace*, William M'Carty.
328 *River-Philip*, James Burns, Assistant Missionary.
329 *Guysborough and Canso*, James B. Narraway ; Joseph Herbert Starr, Assistant Missionary.
330 *Ship-Harbour*, One wanted.
331 *Sydney, Cape-Breton*, Alexander B. Black, Assistant Missionary.
EPHRAIM EVANS, D.D., *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

V.—THE NEW-BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

- 332 *St. John, South*, James G. Hennigar, William T. Cardy, James Taylor, 2d.
333 *St. John, North*, William Smithson.
334 *St. John, West*, Richard Knight ; John S. Phinney, Assistant Missionary.
335 *Fredericton*, Charles Churchill.
336 *Nashwaak*, Robert Tweedy, Assistant Missionary.
337 *Sheffield*, George Johnson.
338 *Mill-Town*, Robert Cooney, A.M.
339 *St. Stephen's, &c.*, Ingham Sutcliffe ; William Tweedy, Assistant Missionary.
340 *St. Andrew's*, Arthur M'Nutt.
341 *Sackville*, John Allison ; Duncan Currie, Assistant Missionary.
342 *Point-de-Bute*, William Smith, 2d.
343 *Petitcodiac*, Christopher Lockhart.
344 *Hopewell*, Joseph F. Bent.
345 *Sussex-Vale*, John Prince.
346 *Woodstock, &c.*, William Temple ; Robert Duncan, Assistant Missionary.
347 *Andover*, Charles Gaskin, Assistant Missionary.
348 *Annapolis*, George M. Barratt.
349 *Bridge-Town*, Michael Pickles ; Richard Williams, George Miller, Supernumeraries.
350 *Aylesford*, William Allen, 2d.
351 *Digby and Sissiboo*, Robert A. Chesley.
352 *Miramichi*, John Snowball.

- 353 *Richibucto*, George Payson, Assistant Missionary.
 354 *Dalhousie, &c.*, One to be sent.
 355 *Bathurst*, Robert A. Temple.
 356 *Wesleyan Academy, Mount-Allison, Westmoreland*, Humphrey Pickard, A.M., Principal; Albert Desbrisay, Supernumerary, Chaplain.

RICHARD KNIGHT, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

VI.—THE NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

- 357 *St. John's*, Edmund Botterell, William Hill.
 358 *Harbour-Grace*, Samuel W. Sprague.
 359 *Carbonear*, Thomas Angwin.
 360 *Blackhead*, John S. Addy.
 361 *Perlican*, Paul Prestwood.
 362 *Island-Cove*, John Brewster.
 363 *Port-de-Grave*, James England.
 364 *Brigus*, James Norris.
 365 *Trinity-Bay*, William E. Shenstone.
 366 *Bonavista*, Thomas Smith.
 367 *Green-Bay*, Under the care of the Chairman.
 368 *Burin*, Elias Brettle.
 369 *Grand-Bank*, John S. Peach.
 370 *Hant's-Harbour*, Adam Nightingale.

EDMUND BOTTERELL, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions and Schools in Newfoundland.*

TERRITORIES OF THE HUDSON'S-BAY COMPANY.

- 371 *Norway-House, Lake-Winnipeg*, William Mason.
 372 *Moose-Factory*, One wanted.
 373 *Oxford-House*, Under the care of a Native Teacher.
 374 *Edmonton and Rocky-Mountains*, One wanted.

The Superintendence of these Missions is, for the present, placed under the direction of the General Superintendent of the Missions in Western Canada, in order that they may be permanently connected with that department of the Work as soon as possible.

N.B. John Thomas, 1st, and William L. Binks, are under the direction of the Missionary Committee.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE IN CANADA, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CON- FERENCE.

ENOCH WOOD, *President of the Conference, and General
Superintendent of Missions.*

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

WELLINGTON JEFFERS, *Secretary.*

I.—THE TORONTO DISTRICT.

- 1 *Toronto City, East*, Wellington Jeffers, William H. Poole; Anson Green, D.D., Book-Steward; James Spencer, Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D.D., Chief Superintendent of Schools, by permission of the Conference; Lachlin Taylor, Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society, by permission of the Conference; Thomas Demorest, Agent for Connexional Funds, under the direction of the Book Committee.
- 2 *Toronto City, West*, Henry Wilkinson, Ephraim B. Harper, Charles Lavell.
- 3 *Yonge-Street*, Richard Jones, William S. Blackstock.
- 4 *Humber*, Samuel C. Philp, Henry Jones.
- 5 *Brampton*, Benjamin Nankeville, Reuben E. Tupper. One to be sent.
- 6 *Cooksville*, Jonathan Scott.
- 7 *Oshawa*, Peter Ker, P. Dayman.
- 8 *Markham*, John Law, William M'Donagh; David Youmans, Superannuated.
- 9 *Nelson*, Joseph W. M'Collum, John Hunt, who shall reside at Oakville. One to be sent.
- 10 *George-Town*, Joseph Messmore.
- 11 *Stouffville*, Cornelius Flummerfelt.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman of the District.*

II.—THE HAMILTON DISTRICT.

- 12 *Hamilton*, John Carroll, John Bredin; Samuel Belton, Superannuated.
- 13 *Dundas*, Isaac B. Howard, Joel Briggs.
- 14 *Glandford and Seneca*, Simon Huntingdon, William Richardson; Andrew Prindel, Superannuated.
- 15 *Nanticoke*, Solomon Waldron. One wanted.
- 16 *Dunville*, Thomas Williams. One to be sent.
- 17 *Grimsby*, William Haw, James Harris.
- 18 *St. Catharine's*, George Goodson, Richard Clarke, who shall reside at Thorald.
- 19 *Drummondville and Niagara*, Thomas Cosford, Claudius Byrne,

who shall have special charge of Niagara, Queenston, and Laurenceville.

20 *Crowland*, Thomas Jeffers, John Shaw; John Baxter, Superannuated.

21 *Cayuga-Heights*, Robert Corson. One to be sent.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman of the District.*

III.—THE BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

22 *Brantford*, Noble F. English, William S. Griffin; George Poole, Hamilton Biggar, Rowley Heyland, Superannuated.

23 *Paris*, Joseph Shepley. One wanted.

24 *Woodstock*, Edmund Shepherd, Thomas Peacock.

25 *St. George*, Thomas Fawcett, Francis Berry.

26 *Ingersoll*, Ozias Barber. One wanted.

27 *Norwich*, Matthew Swan. One to be sent.

28 *Simcoe*, Edwin Clement.

29 *Dover*, John S. Evans; Edwy M. Ryerson, Superannuated.

30 *Walsingham*, Matthew Whiting. One to be sent. Matthew Holtby, Supernumerary.

31 *Aylmer*, George Kennedy. One to be sent.

32 *Vienna*, Orrin H. Ellsworth, who shall change on one Sabbath in each month with the Preachers in the Aylmer Circuit.

33 *New-Credit*, David Wright.

34 *Grand-River*, William Ryerson. One wanted. Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE LONDON DISTRICT.

35 *London*, William Pollard, Thomas Pearson; Thomas Harmon, Superannuated.

36 *London Circuit*, Alexander T. Green, Thomas Crews; Edmund Stoney, Superannuated.

37 *St. Thomas*, Richard Whiting, Joseph Hugill.

38 *Mount-Elgin and Muncey*, Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School; John Sunday, Abraham Sickles.

39 *Chatham*, William Price, William Creighton.

40 *Gosfield*, William Dignam.

41 *Amherstburgh*, John Goodfellow.

42 *Sandwich and Windsor*, Edward White. One wanted.

43 *Port-Sarnia*, John G. Laird.

44 *St. Clair*, Robert Brooking, Allen Salt.

45 *Wallaceburgh*, Francis Chapman.

46 *Wardsville*, William Ames.

47 *Strathroy*, John K. Williston.

48 *Warwick*, George Case.

49 *Devonshire*, John Webster.

- 50 *Morpeth*, Richard Phelps.
 51 *Belmont*, E. L. Koyle, who will change with the London
 Preachers once in three weeks.
 SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman of the District.*

V.—THE GUELPH DISTRICT.

- 52 *Guelph*, Lewis Warner.
 53 *Elora*, James Armstrong. One wanted.
 54 *Blenheim*, John Williams.
 55 *Peel*, John Armstrong, Thomas Culbert; Ezra Adams,
 Superannuated.
 56 *Stratford*, Isaac Barber.
 57 *St. Mary's*, Charles W. M. Gilbert.
 58 *Goderich*, Charles Sylvester, James Clarke.
 59 *Mitchell*, One to be sent.
 60 *Kincardine*, Andrew Smith, who shall change with Brother
 Clarke once in three weeks.
 61 *Normanby*, Henry Reid.
 62 *Mono*, William Steer. One to be sent.
 63 *Erin*, Charles Taylor.
 64 *Wellesley*, To be supplied.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman of the District.*

VI.—THE OWEN'S SOUND DISTRICT.

- 65 *Nawash and Colpoy's Bay*, Conrad Vandusen.
 66 *Owen's Sound*, Samuel Fear; John Neelands, Supernumerary.
 67 *St. Vincent's*, Alexander Campbell. One to be sent.
 68 *Saugeeng*, Peter Jacobs.
 69 *Arran*, James Hutchinson.
 70 *Derby*, One to be sent.
 71 *Durham*, Samuel E. Maudsley.
 72 *Proton*, To be supplied.
 73 *Bruce-Mines*, Joseph Hill.
 74 *Garden-River*, George W. M'Dougall.
 75 *Lake-Superior, North Shore*, To be supplied.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Chairman of the District.*

VII.—THE BARRIE DISTRICT.

- 76 *Barrie*, John Douse, Andrew Edwards.
 77 *Bradford*, William Young, James Taylor.
 78 *Cookstown*, Luther O. Rice.
 79 *Newmarket*, William Willoughby, Richard J. Forman.
 80 *Snake-Island and South Shore, Lake-Simcoe*, Robert Lohead.
 81 *Brock*, Daniel Wright.
 82 *Rama*, Horace Dean.
 83 *Penetanguishene-Road*, Stephen Brownell.
 84 *Beausoleil and French-River*, William Herkimer. One to be sent.
 85 *Collingwood-Harbour*, Edward Sallows.

JOHN DOUSE, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE COBOURG DISTRICT.

- 86 *Cobourg*, George R. Sanderson, Samuel S. Nelles, A.M.,
Principal of Victoria College; Thomas Stobbs,
Student; John Beatty, Superannuated.
- 87 *Port-Hope*, William M'Cullough, Edward H. Dewart.
- 88 *Bowmanville and Schoogog*, Charles Fish, George M'Ritchie.
- 89 *Newcastle*, John English.
- 90 *Cartwright*, John Sanderson.
- 91 *Milbrook*, James Hughes. One to be sent. Moses Black-
stock, Supernumerary.
- 92 *Peterborough*, John Gemley.
- 93 *Mud-Lake*, Stephen Miles.
- 94 *Rice-Lake*, Thomas Hurlburt.
- 95 *Alderville*, James Musgrove, whose attention will be princi-
pally directed to the Industrial School; William
Case, with permission to visit different parts of
the work, as his health and circumstances
may permit.
- 96 *Colborne*, James G. Witted.
- 97 *Lindsay*, Thomas Hanna. One to be sent.
- 98 *Metcalfe*, John C. Osborne.
- 99 *Norwood*, James C. Slater. One to be sent.

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Chairman of the District.*

IX.—THE BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

- 100 *Belleville*, George Young.
- 101 *Consecon*, Michael Fawcett, Charles Taggart; Cyrus R.
Allison, Superannuated.
- 102 *Picton*, William M'Fadden, Thomas Woolsey; Daniel
M'Mullen, Gilbert Miller, Supernumeraries.
- 103 *Sidney*, John Lever, John Mills.
- 104 *Brighton*, John Black, John W. German.
- 105 *Demorestville*, Joseph Reynolds.
- 106 *Shannonville*, Abraham Dayman.
- 107 *Hungerford*, To be supplied.
- 108 *Madoc*, Michael Baxter.
- 109 *Rawdon*, George F. Playter.
- 110 *Percy*, George Carr.

WILLIAM M'FADDEN, *Chairman of the District.*

X.—THE KINGSTON DISTRICT.

- 111 *Kingston*, John Ryerson, George N. A. F. T. Dixon; Samuel
D. Rice, Treasurer, &c., for Victoria College;
James Booth, Henry Byers, Supernumeraries.
- 112 *Napanee*, David B. Madden, J. de Pugh.
- 113 *Wilton*, John A. Williams, Thomas Cleghorn.
- 114 *Bath and Amherst-Isle*, George Beynon. One to be sent.
- 115 *Waterloo*, William Philp.
- 116 *Gananoque*, Charles Turver.
- 117 *Newborough*, Robert Robinson.

- 118 *Farmersville*, David Clappison, William Chapman.
 119 *Newburgh*, Benjamin Jones; Isaac B. Aylesworth, Supernumerary.
 120 *Sheffield*, William H. Williams.
 121 *Hinchinbrook*, To be supplied.
 122 *Storrington*, To be supplied.

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate, Chairman of the District.*

XI.—THE BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

- 123 *Brockville*, James Elliott.
 124 *Prescott*, James Gray.
 125 *Maitland*, Sylvester Hurlburt, John Armstrong, 2d.
 126 *Kemptville*, Thomas Bevitt.
 127 *Perth*, David C. M'Dowell.
 128 *Matilda*, Francis Coleman, William Burns.
 129 *Smith's-Falls*, William Coleman; William Brown, Supernumerary.
 130 *Carleton and Pakenham*, William M'Gill, Edwin Peake.
 131 *Merrickville*, David Jennings.
 132 *Cornwall*, Vincent B. Howard. To be supplied.
 133 *Winchester*, Robert Brewster.
 134 *Sherbrooke*, David Hardie; Alvah Adams, Superannuated.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman of the District.*

XII.—THE BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 135 *Bytown*, Kennedy Creighton.
 136 *Aylmer*, Asahel Hurlburt.
 137 *Richmond*, James Greener, Richard M. Hammond.
 138 *St. Andrew's*, Thomas W. Constable, Silas Huntingdon.
 139 *L'Orignal*, William Morton, Robert Hobbs.
 140 *Lochaber*, One to be sent.
 141 *Osgood*, William M. Pattyson, Henry M'Dowell.
 142 *Gatineau*, John Howes.
 143 *Clarendon and Portage-de-Forte*, Thomas M'Mullen. One to be sent.
 144 *Westmeath*, Henry Shaler.

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Chairman of the District.*

N.B. 1. William Andrews is supplying Compton, Canada East.

2. Erastus Hurlburt is to supply Rawdon and Wesleyville, Canada East.

3. Aaron Miller is left without an appointment, on account of ill health.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE FRENCH CONFERENCE, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

CHARLES COOK, D.D., *President of the Conference.*

I.—NORTHERN DISTRICT.

- 1 *Paris*, Charles A. C. de Boinville, Joseph Rylance; John Paul Cook, Catechist.

- 2 *Calais*, Peter Lucas.
 3 *Lisieux and Le Bocage*, Philip Guiton.
 4 *Bar-le-Duc*, William Ogier.
 5 *Lausanne and Aigle*, (*Switzerland*,) Henry de Jersey, Louis Martin.

HENRY DE JERSEY, *Chairman of the District*.
 PHILIP GUITON, *Financial Secretary*.

II.—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

- 6 *Nismes, Anduze, &c.*, Charles Cook, D.D., Peter Massot, Philip Neel, Luke Pulsford, Peter Roy, Simon Dugand.
 7 *Ganges, &c.*, (*Les Cevennes, West*,) Matthew Gallienne, Emile F. Cook, B.A.; Henry Martin, Supernumerary.
 8 *Nyons, &c.*, (*Drome*,) Francis Farjat; John le Lievre.
 9 *Guillestre, &c.*, (*Hautes Alps*,) John L. Rostan.

JOHN L. ROSTAN, *Chairman of the District*.
 MATTHEW GALLIENNE, *Financial Secretary*.

Q. VIII. What is the NUMBER OF MEMBERS in our Societies?

A. As follows, viz.,—

IN GREAT BRITAIN.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
FIRST LONDON	2043	Manningtree	870
Richmond	134	Ipswich	404
Uxbridge	68	Hastings	452
Second London	1048	Sevenoaks	290
Third London	1342	Tunbridge-Wells	334
Fourth London	967	Lewes	147
Fifth London	1801	Brighton	492
Sixth London	818	St. Alban's	440
Seventh London	750	Guildford	267
Eighth London	1469	Dorking	100
Deptford	438	BEDFORD, &c. . . .	1133
Woolwich	451	Leighton-Buzzard	926
Hammersmith	544	Luton	1060
Croydon	251	Dunstable	902
Barking	155	St. Neot's	625
Leyton	36	Biggleswade	548
Ware	203	Hitchin	159
Cambridge	470	Huntingdon	642
Windsor	284	Northampton	770
Chelmsford	205	Towcester	561
Maldon	207	Daventry	558
Colchester	492	Newport-Pagnell	335

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Higham-Ferrers	334	Chipping-Norton	351
Wellingborough	263	Swindon	274
Kettering	190	Wantage	450
Market-Harborough . . .	124	PORTSMOUTH	790
Chatteris	342	Gosport	120
Oundle	252	Salisbury	647
CANTERBURY	538	Poole and Wareham . . .	593
Faversham	365	Wimborne	362
Rochester	412	Ringwood	119
Gravesend	352	Newport (Isle of Wight) .	527
Sheerness	257	Southampton	546
Margate	670	Andover	358
Dover	683	Chichester	151
Deal	210	GUERNSEY, English . . .	368
Rye	395	Guernsey, French	978
Tenterden	334	Alderney, English	33
Ashford	251	Alderney, French	47
Sandhurst	585	Jersey, English	328
Maidstone	350	Jersey, French	1215
Sittingbourne	225	DEVONPORT	905
NORWICH	804	Plymouth	872
Bungay	258	Launceston	834
North-Walsham	335	Holsworthy	613
Yarmouth	293	Kilkhampton	520
Lowestoff	325	Liskeard	642
Framlingham	266	Callington	505
Diss	535	Tavistock	500
New-Buckenham	327	Camelford	300
Bury St. Edmund's	185	Kingsbridge	265
Holt	42	Brixham	158
Lynn	503	Ashburton	312
Swaffham	353	REDRUTH	1452
Downham	323	Camborne	1601
Walsingham	410	Falmouth	984
Wisbeach	357	Truro	1384
Thetford	559	Gwennap	1585
Mildenhall	331	St. Agnes	968
Ely	462	St. Austle	967
OXFORD	341	St. Mawes	311
High-Wycombe	427	Bodmin	659
Aylesbury	567	St. Columb	370
Witney	536	Penzance	1159
Banbury	549	St. Just	1655
Kinoton	241	St. Ives	669
Newbury	519	Scilly Islands	109
Reading	167	Helstone	1626
Hungerford	736	Hayle	1107
Watlington	207	Marazion	565
Thame	164	EXETER	600
Brackley	481	Tiverton	259

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Taunton, &c.	571	Haverford-West	551
Bridgewater	308	Pembroke	454
South-Petherton	432	MERTHYR-TYDVIL	495
Axminster	50	Crickhowell	462
Budleigh-Salterton	201	Cardiff	254
Bridport	297	Cowbridge	137
Barnstaple	496	Brecon	138
South-Moulton	268	Llandilo	159
Bideford	750	Carmarthen	328
Dunster	312	Swansea	186
Oakhampton	258	Lampeter and Cardigan	448
Teignmouth	350	St. David's	89
BRISTOL, North	885	Aberystwith	662
Bristol, South	605	Machynlleth	412
Kingswood	365	Llanidloes	364
Banwell	331	RUTHIN and Denbigh	569
Weston-Super-Mare	126	Llangollen	452
Stroud	504	Corwen	199
Dursley	390	Llanrwst	220
Downend	332	Abergele and Conway	427
Gloucester	402	Holywell	676
Tewkesbury	245	Mold	467
Cheltenham	569	Llanasa	455
Newport	725	Beaumaris	364
Cardiff	462	Amlwch	574
Bridgend	132	Carnarvon	371
Monmouth, &c.	236	Bangor	610
Chepstow	195	Pwllheli	317
Abergavenny	171	Barmouth	382
Pontypool	793	Dolgelly	500
Ledbury	309	Llanfyllin	619
Hereford	307	Llanfair	271
BATH	537	BIRMINGHAM, West	1438
Bradford, Wilts.	597	Birmingham, East	978
Midsomer-Norton	1063	West-Bromwich	653
Frome	368	Wednesbury	1953
Warminster	57	Walsall	631
Melksham	500	Wolverhampton	1227
Devizes	125	Dudley	1673
Shepton-Mallet	800	Stourbridge	550
Castle-Carey	180	Stourport	505
Sherborne	536	Worcester	310
Weymouth	574	Bromsgrove	167
Dorchester	412	Evesham	231
Shaftesbury	747	Redditch	445
Glastonbury	324	Coventry	320
SWANSEA	442	Leamington	347
Merthyr-Tydvil	901	Stratford-upon-Avon	160
Brecon	202	Hinckley	550
Carmarthen	200	Shrewsbury	305

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Madeley	989	Bolton	2076
Wellington	496	Rochdale	1097
Ludlow	482	Burnley	1078
Kington	386	Bury	821
MACCLESFIELD	1444	Blackburn	583
Buxton	460	Haslingden	714
Congleton	936	Bacup	1535
Namptwich	580	Colne	502
Northwich	642	Clitheroe	460
Burslem	811	Leigh	420
Tunstall	909	HALIFAX	1061
Newcastle-under-Lyne	583	Huddersfield, First	1060
Longton	330	Huddersfield, Second	718
Stafford	273	Holmfirth	502
Leek	1033	Sowerby-Bridge	973
Uttoxeter	368	Todmorden	1128
Cheadle	185	Denby-Dale	245
LIVERPOOL, North	903	Bradford, West	1499
Liverpool, South	1586	Bradford, East	1463
Birkenhead	466	Great-Horton	691
Liverpool, Welsh	564	Keighley	1804
Chester	808	Bingley	912
Mold and Buckley-Mount	85	Shipley	324
Carnarvon and Bangor	33	Skipton	450
Holyhead	44	Addingham	705
Wrexham	369	Grassington	366
Whitchurch	487	Settle	335
Warrington	345	FIRST LEEDS	1466
Runcorn	571	Second Leeds	1628
St. Helen's and Prescott	471	Third Leeds	1257
Southport and Ormskirk	400	Fourth Leeds	1246
Wigan	468	Bramley	780
Preston and Chorley	1174	Wakefield	850
Garstang	446	Birstal	1029
Lancaster	423	Dewsbury	1171
Newtown	583	Knaresborough	742
MANCHESTER, First	1806	Otley	768
Manchester, Second	1464	Pateley-Bridge	892
Manchester, Third	891	Pontefract	1393
Manchester, Fourth	749	Cleckheaton	156
Manchester, Welsh	183	Yeadon	391
Manchester, Fifth	1178	Woodhouse-Grove	558
Altrincham	457	SHEFFIELD, West	1360
Stockport, North	847	Sheffield, East	1104
Stockport, South	688	Chesterfield	394
New-Mills	471	Bakewell	113
Glossop	450	Bradwell	550
Ashton-under-Lyne	1014	Rotherham	516
Oldham	745	Wath	535
Saddleworth	120	Doncaster	1472

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Barnsley	557	YORK	2035
Retford	1022	Tadcaster	822
Worksop	546	Pocklington	931
NOTTINGHAM, South	1020	Malton	950
Nottingham, North	967	Easingwold	1258
Ilkestone	249	Scarborough	1500
Mansfield	674	Pickering	934
Newark	1029	Thirsk	818
Bingham	463	Ripon	964
Leicester	619	Selby	1173
Melton-Mowbray	698	WHITBY	1156
Oakham	241	Stokesley	725
Stamford	284	Darlington	703
Grantham	428	Stockton	790
Peterborough	465	Barnard-Castle	585
Loughborough	658	Bishop-Auckland	510
Castle-Donington	491	Middleham	690
Derby	912	Richmond	332
Ashbourne	127	Reeth	733
Belper	414	Bedale	794
Ripley	230	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	777
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	554	Gateshead	804
Cromford	500	North-Shields	376
Burton-on-Trent	338	Blyth	190
LINCOLN	1501	South-Shields	347
Sleaford	1035	Sunderland	787
Market-Raisen	594	Houghton-le-Spring	662
Louth	1200	Durham	863
Horncastle	1450	Wolsingham	580
Alford	1154	Hexham	350
Coningsby	303	Shotley-Bridge	719
Spilsby	736	Alston	460
Boston	1111	Allendale-Town	444
Wainfleet	572	Alnwick	97
Spalding	380	Berwick	54
Bourne	205	Morpeth	50
HULL, West	1610	CARLISLE	245
Hull, East	1344	Brampton	190
Beverley	499	Whitehaven	252
Driffild	720	Workington	414
Howden	946	Appleby	415
Pattingham	432	Penrith	725
Hornsea	402	Wigton and Keswick	192
Grimsby	1655	Kendal	605
Gainsborough	1038	Ulverstone	220
Epworth	591	Dumfries	52
Snaith	935	DOUGLAS	1263
Brigg	615	Ramsay	1477
Barton	1136	EDINBURGH	365
Bridlington	1060	Dunbar	34

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<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Greenock	71	Perth	69
Glasgow, West	456	Arbroath and Montrose	80
Glasgow, East	181	Banff	61
Airdrie	327	Inverness	48
Stirling and Doune	34	Lerwick	563
Ayr	82	Walls	432
Aberdeen	300	Northmavin	174
Dundee	110	North Isles	172

Total Number of Members in GREAT BRITAIN this Year	270,965
Ditto last Year	281,263
Decrease	10,298

IN IRELAND.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
DUBLIN, South	500	Lowtherstown	935
Dublin, North	624	Ballyshannon, &c.	480
Kingstown	76	LONDONDERRY	300
Drogheda	210	Strabane	465
Wicklow	246	Omagh	503
WATERFORD	186	BELFAST, South	735
Carlow	209	Belfast, North	750
Newtownbarry	200	Ballyclare	190
Wexford	168	Donaghadee	490
CORK	357	Carrickfergus	224
Queenstown	35	Coleraine	265
Bandon	320	Magherafelt	329
Skibbereen	246	Lisburn	415
LIMERICK	267	Downpatrick	246
Roscrea	135	NEWRY	228
Cloughjordan	142	Dungannon	346
TULLAMORE	210	Armagh	335
Athlone	116	Lurgan	509
Maryborough	162	Moir and Dromore	455
Longford	150	Tandragee	313
SLIGO	372	Portadown	596
Castlebar	34	MISSION STATIONS.	
Ballina	62	Lucan and Trim	150
Boyle	280	Kilkenny	190
CLONES	286	Youghal	76
Cootehill	350	Fermoy	47
Cavan	363	Kinsale	86
Monaghan, &c.	215	Berehaven Mines	46
Aughnacloy	226	Kerry	91
ENNISKILLEN	646	Ballinasloe	90
Brookborough	560	Nenagh and Killaloe	86
Manorhamilton	630	Kilrush	66

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Galway	84	Belmullet and Erris	43
Connemara	34	Donegal	431
Westport	27	Rathmelton, &c.	107
Killala	52	Ballymena	210

Number of Members in IRELAND this Year 19,608
Ditto last Year 20,040

Decrease 432

The Numbers in Society at the Stations occupied by the **WESLEYAN MISSIONARIES** are as follows;—not, however, including the Irish Missions, the French Connexion, nor the *Domestic* Missions in Western Canada, the Societies of which are reckoned, respectively, with the Numbers reported from Ireland, from France and Switzerland, and with those under the care of the Wesleyan Conference in Canada in connexion with the British Conference:—

EUROPE.

	<i>Nos.</i>		<i>Nos.</i>
WINNENDEN (Germany)	1100	Last Year	1,882
GIBALTAR	67	*Decrease	715
Total in Europe	1,167		

ASIA.

CEYLON. *The Singhalese, or South Ceylon District.*

First Colombo	147
Second Colombo	201
Negombo	92
Seedua	127
Galkisse	122
Morotto	343
Pantura	41
Caltura	109
Galle	116
Amblangodde	28
Belligam	31
Matura	41
Dondra	7
Goddapitiya	11

The Tamul, or North Ceylon District.

Jaffna, Wannerponne, and Puttoor	176
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Point-Pedro and Cattavelly	15
Trincomalee	5
Batticaloa, First	85
Batticaloa, Second	12

CONTINENTAL INDIA.

The Madras District.

Madras	167
Negapatam	26
Manargoody and Trichinopoly	105
Bangalore (Tamul)	86

The Mysore District.

Bangalore (Canarese)	17
Mysore	5
Goobbee and Toomkoor	19
Coonghul	3

* This decrease is only apparent, not real, and is occasioned by the omission, from this return, of the Members in France and Switzerland, in consequence of the Missions in those countries having been constituted a distinct Connexion.

CHINA.		Nos.			Nos.
<i>The Chinese Mission.</i>			Last Year		2,040
Canton		16	Increase		113
Total in India, Ceylon, and China		2,153			

AUSTRALASIAN AND POLYNESIAN MISSIONS.

<i>New South Wales.</i>			Westbury	47
Sydney, North	297		Oatlands	26
Sydney, South	329		<i>New-Zealand.</i>	
Sydney, East	130		Auckland	269
Paramatta	164		Manukau	93
Windsor	193		Kawhia	480
Bathurst, and the Turon			Beecham-Dale (Aotea)	313
Gold-Mines	149		Waingaroa	200
Hunter's-River	351		Waipa	250
Camden	85		Mangungu	303
Wollongong	114		Waima	119
Mudgee	90		Wairoa (Kaipara)	164
Goulburn	84		Wellington	572
Moreton-Bay	61		Nelson	380
Port-Macquarie	12		New-Plymouth	326
Gold-Fields	200		Waimate	376
<i>Australia Felix.</i>			Waitotara	132
Melbourne	450		Wanganui	50
Geelong	245		Waikowaiti	289
Port-Fairy	45		<i>Friendly Islands.</i>	
Gold-Fields	450		Tonga	2204
<i>South Australia.</i>			Habai	1945
Adelaide, North	240		Vavau	2009
Adelaide, South	266		Niua-Tabutabu	393
Willunga	168		Niua-Fo-ou	610
Burra-Burra	64		<i>Feejee.</i>	
Kapunda	33		Lakemba	1770
Mount-Barker	102		Viwa	250
<i>Western Australia.</i>			Bua	290
Swan-River	60		Nandy	216
<i>Van-Diemen's Land.</i>			Total in the South-Sea	
Hobart-Town	351		Missions	19,135
New-Norfolk	23		Last Year	18,938
Campbell-Town	37		Increase	
Launceston	194			
Longford	72			

AFRICA.

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

<i>The Cape District.</i>		Stellenbosch	129
Cape-Town	249	Somerset (West)	258
Rondebosch	30	Khamies-Berg	154
Wynberg	66	Nisbett-Bath	244
Simon's-Town	44		

The Albany and Kaffraria District.

	Nos.
Graham's-Town	423
Salem and Farmerfield . .	208
Bathurst, &c.	123
Fort-Beaufort, &c. . . .	188
Port-Elizabeth, &c. . . .	68
Cradock	87
Somerset,	77
Fort-Peddie, &c.	167
Mount-Coke, &c. } . . .	63
Wesleyville	
King William's Town . .	22
Kamastone, }	158
Haslope-Hills, &c. } . .	
Lesseyton, &c.	
Wittebergen	80
Butterworth	127
Beecham-Wood	10
Shawbury	97
Morley	115
Clarkebury	74
Buntingville	66

The Port-Natal and Amazulu District.

	Nos.
D'Urban	149
Pietermauritzberg	121
Kwangubeni	24
Indaleni	33
Palmerton	70

The Bechuana District.

Thaba-Unchu	220
Plaatberg	202
Lishuani	26
Umpukani	3
Imparani	50
Colesberg, &c. } . . .	60
Bloem-Fontein } . . .	
Tauane's Tribe	15

Total in Southern Africa 4,300

Last Year 4,284

Increase 16

WESTERN AFRICA.

The Sierra-Leone District.

Free-Town	4213
Hastings, &c.	1337
York	642

The Gambia District.

St. Mary's }	577
Barra	
M'Carthy's Island	240

The Gold-Coast and Ashanti District.

Cape-Coast Town, &c. . .	450
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Anamabu	234
Domonasi	146
British Akrah	91
Kumasi	4
Badagry and Abbeokuta .	87

Total in Western Africa 8,021

Last Year 7,284

Increase 737

AMERICA.

WEST INDIES.

The Antigua District.

Antigua	2472
Dominica	915
Montserrat	404
Nevis	1608
St. Christopher's	3687
St. Eustatius	315
St. Bartholomew's	100
St. Martin's	367
Anguilla	331
Tortola	1604

Total in the Antigua

District 11,803

Last Year 12,170

Decrease 367

The St. Vincent's and Demerara District.

Kingstown	2380
Biabou	2433
Grenada	671
Trinidad	807

	Nos.
Tobago	1086
George-Town	1549
Mahaica	468
Victoria	549
Barbadoes	3045

Total in the St. Vincent's
and Demerara District 12,988
Last Year 12,893

Increase 95

The Jamaica District.

Kingston	3210
Montego-Bay, &c.	767
Spanish-Town	824
Morant-Bay	965
Guy's-Hill, &c.	1007
Grateful-Hill	466
Falmouth	557
St. Ann's Bay	669
Ocho-Rios	712
Beechamville	1233
Bath and Port-Morant	2056
Port-Antonio	473
Clarendon	1133
Mount-Ward, &c.	1511
Brown's-Town	607
Duncan's	772
Yallahs	659
Mount-Fletcher	536
Linstead	491
Manchioneal	830
Belize and Charibb-Town	646

	Nos.
Total in the Jamaica Dis- trict (including the Hon- duras-Bay Mission)	20,124
Last Year	21,018

Decrease 894

The Bahama District.

New-Providence	816
Eleuthera, First	447
Eleuthera, Second	357
Harbour-Island	538
Abaco	249
Andros-Island	15
Turk's Islands	378

Total in the Bahama
District 2,800
Last Year 2,877

Decrease 77

The Hayti District.

Port-au-Prince	180
Port-au-Plaat	166
Jérémie	20
Cape-Haïtien	41
Cayes	22

Total in the Hayti District 429
Last Year 452

Decrease 23

THE BRITISH DOMINIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

*Indian Stations in Western
Canada.*

Mount-Elgin and Muncey	226
St. Clair	287
New-Credit	74
Grand-River	140
Schoogog	112
Rice-Lake and Mud-Lake	101
Alderville	116
Rama	55
Beausoliel and French- River	69

Owen's-Sound	103
Nawash and Colpoy's-Bay	68
Saugeeng	97
Lake-Huron	40
Snake-Island	395

Total on the Indian
Stations 1,883
Last Year 1,793

Increase 90

The Eastern Canada District.

	Nos.
Montreal, Centre } . . .	450
Montreal, East } . . .	241
Montreal, West	276
Quebec	39
Three-Rivers	244
Rawdon and Wesleyville .	50
St. John's	33
Chambly	260
Huntingdon	135
Russelton	263
Odeil-Town	112
Clarenceville.	124
St. Armand's	297
Dunham	215
Shefford	163
Stanstead	116
Compton	225
Sherbrooke	270
Melbourne	227
Leeds	

Total in the Eastern Canada District	3,740
Last Year	3,739
Increase	1

The Nova-Scotia Western District.

Halifax	360
Dartmouth }	119
Margaret's-Bay }	
Lunenburg	300
Liverpool	327
Shelburne	194
Barrington	300
Yarmouth	128
Horton	410
Windsor	98
Newport	305
Maitland	229
Bermuda	445

Total in the Nova-Scotia Western District	3,215
Last Year	3,110
Increase	105

The Nova-Scotia East, and Prince Edward's Island, District.

	Nos.
Charlotte-Town	650
Pownal	61
Bedeque	225
Truro	180
Amherst	341
Parrsborough	173
Wallace	500
Guysborough	327
Sydney	107

Total in the Nova-Scotia East, and Prince Ed- ward's Island, District	2,564
Last Year	2,138
Increase	426

The New-Brunswick District.

St. John, South	810
St. John, North	91
St. John, West	208
Fredericton	171
Nashwaak	100
Sheffield	80
Mill-Town	90
St. Stephen's	173
St. Andrew's	52
Sackville	160
Point-de-Bute	225
Petitcodiac	200
Hopewell	180
Sussex-Vale	242
Woodstock	313
Annapolis	120
Bridgetown	168
Aylesford	183
Digby	77
Miramichi	100
Richibucto	76
Bathurst	154

Total in the New-Brun- swick District	3,973
Last Year	4,159
Decrease	186

<i>The Newfoundland District.</i>		<i>Nos.</i>	
St. John's	208	Total in the Newfound-	
Harbour-Grace	66	land District	2,413
Carbonear	490	Last Year	2,442
Blackhead	291		
Island-Cove	58	Decrease	29
Perlican	150		
Port-de-Grave	84	<i>The Hudson's-Bay District.</i>	
Brigus	130	Rossville	120
Bonavista	152		
Burin	150	Total in the Hudson's-	
Green-Bay	201	Bay District	120
Trinity-Bay	79	Last Year	119
Grand-Bank	241		
Hant's-Harbour	113	Increase	1

Recapitulation of Members in the Foreign Missions.

In Germany and Gibraltar	1,167
In Continental India, Ceylon, and China	2,153
In Australia, Van-Diemen's Land, New-Zealand, Friendly Islands, and Feejee	19,135
In Africa (Southern, 4,300; Western, 8,021)	12,321
In the West Indies	48,144
In British North America (exclusive of Domestic Missions in Western Canada)	17,908
Total number of Members under the care of the Missionaries this Year	100,828
Last Year	101,338
Decrease*	510
On trial for Church-Membership, as far as ascertained	5,383

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Number of Members in Great Britain - - -	270,965
Ditto in Ireland - - -	19,608
Ditto in our Foreign Stations, exclusive of the Members of the Irish Missions, and of the Domestic Missions in Upper Canada, which are both included in the General Report of the Wesleyan Missionary Society† - - -	100,828
Total number of Members under the care of the British and Irish Conferences - - -	391,401

* See Note, p. 242.

† The number of Members under the care of the French Conference is not included in this calculation.

Nos.

N.B. The number of regular Ministers, and Preachers on Trial, and those who are Supernumerary and Superannuated, is as follows; viz.,—

<i>In Great Britain,</i>					
Ministers -	-	-	-	-	911
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated -					190
Preachers on Trial -	-	-	-	-	83
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					1,184
<i>In Ireland,</i>					
Ministers -	-	-	-	-	82
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated -					31
Preachers on Trial -	-	-	-	-	20
<i>Missionaries; viz.,—</i>					
Ministers -	-	-	-	-	22
Ditto Supernumerary -	-	-	-	-	5
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					160
<i>In our Foreign Stations,</i>					
Ministers -	-	-	-	-	274
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated -					9
Preachers on Trial -	-	-	-	-	96
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					*379
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					1,723
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Number of Members under the care of the <i>Wesleyan Conference in Canada</i> in connexion with the British Conference -					
					30,324
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Number of Ministers belonging to the <i>Wesleyan Conference in Canada</i> in connexion with the British Conference -					197
Supernumerary and Superannuated -					22
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					219

Q. IX. Who is appointed the PRESIDENT OF THE NEXT CONFERENCE IN IRELAND, to commence in Dublin, on Wednesday, the 21st of June, 1854?

A. Our PRESIDENT, the REV. JOHN LOMAS.

N.B.—1. The SECRETARY; the Ex-President, the REV. JOHN SCOTT; the REV. DR. NEWTON, and the REV. DR. BEECHAM, are appointed to accompany the President to the next Irish Conference.

2. The PRESIDENT is appointed to visit Scotland in the month of October, for the purpose of promoting the Missionary cause, and also of attending the Financial District-Meeting. The REV. DR. DIXON and the REV. JOHN RATTENBURY are appointed to accompany the President to Scotland.

* This number does not include the Ministers on the Indian Missions in Western Canada, nor those in connexion with the French Conference.

3. The PRESIDENT is requested to attend the Annual Meeting of the North-Wales District-Committee, to be held at Carnarvon, in the spring of 1854.

4. The REV. CHARLES PREST is appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Second South-Wales District-Committee, to be held at Nantyglo, in the spring of 1854.

5. Two of the English Ministers stationed in Wales shall attend the District-Meetings of the Welsh Ministers; and two of the Welsh Ministers shall attend the District-Meeting of the English Ministers in South-Wales.

6. The REV. ENOCH WOOD is appointed the President of the next Conference in Canada; and the REV. JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate.

7. The REV. CHARLES COOK, D.D., is appointed the President of the French Conference.

Q. X. Who are the COMMITTEE FOR GUARDING OUR PRIVILEGES during the ensuing year?

A. The PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the CONFERENCE; all the Ministers appointed to the eight London Circuits; the Superintendents of the Deptford, Hammersmith, and Woolwich Circuits; all those Ministers now living who have filled the office of PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE;—the REV. THOMAS WAUGH, the REV. ROBERT MASARON, and the REV. WILLIAM APPELBE, LL.D., the Representatives of the Irish Conference;—together with the following Gentlemen:—

George Bowes, Esq., *London*,
 John J. Buttress, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Chubb, Esq., *ditto*,
 Thomas Farmer, Esq., *ditto*,
 James Hoby, Esq., *ditto*,
 William W. Pocock, Esq., *ditto*,
 Richard Marsden Reece, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Vanner, Esq., *ditto*,
 Greaves Walker, Esq., *ditto*,
 Benjamin Agar, Esq., *York*,
 William J. Beet, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 T. Percival Bunting, Esq., *Manchester*,
 John Burton, Esq., *Middleton*,
 John Daniel Burton, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Burton, Esq., *Roundhay, Leeds*,
 Joseph Carne, Esq., *F.R.S., Penzance*,
 William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
 Charles Cooper, Esq., *Manchester*,
 William Dyson, Esq., *Howden*,
 Robert Fawcitt, Esq., *Scarborough*,
 John Fernley, Esq., *Manchester*,
 John Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,
 George Heald, Esq., *Liverpool*,

James Heald, Esq., *Didsbury*,
 Francis Heeley, Esq., *Birmingham*,
 James Henwood, Esq., *Hull*,
 William B. Holdsworth, Esq., *Leeds*,
 John Irving, Esq., *Bristol*,
 John R. Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 James Meek, Esq., *York*,
 Robert Middleton, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
 George Morley, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Thomas Potter, Esq., *Manchester*,
 Thomas Sands, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 Humphry Sandwith, Esq., *M.D., Hull*,
 William Skinner, Esq., *Stockton*,
 George Smith, Esq., *F.S.A., Cambridge*,
 Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 John F. Sutcliffe, Esq., *Willow-Hall*,
 Thomas Walker, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
 William Walker, Esq., *Bradford*,
 J. P. Brown Westhead, Esq., *Lea Castle*,
 Peter Wood, Esq., *M.D., Manchester*.

N.B.—1. The thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to the Committee of Privileges, for their

diligent attention to the important matters confided to their care during the last year.

2. A Committee is hereby specially appointed for cases of exigency demanding immediate attention, or requiring prompt communication with the Government or with Parliament on subjects affecting our public interests; to consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Secretaries of the Committee of Privileges, the General Secretaries of our Missions, the Secretary of the Education Committee, the

Rev. Dr. Bunting,
— John Hall,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— John Mason,
— William L. Thornton,
— Samuel D. Waddy,
— Thomas Waugh;

T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
James Heald, Esq.,
James Hoby, Esq.,
John R. Kay, Esq.,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.

3. The Conference presents its thanks to the members of "the Committee appointed to afford advice and assistance in cases involving any attempt to invade the property belonging to the Connexion," for the very valuable services it has rendered to the Body during the past year; and expresses its approval of the general course it has pursued, and of the pecuniary arrangements it has found necessary to adopt with a view to the effective carrying out of its measures.

4. The Conference directs that its grateful acknowledgments be conveyed to those Gentlemen who have kindly afforded assistance in raising the funds which have been required for the purposes of the above Committee; and hereby empowers that Committee to adopt similar measures for raising moneys which may be required for the protection of Connexional property.

5. The following persons are appointed the Committee for the year ensuing; viz., the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Secretaries of the Committee of Privileges; the

Rev. Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— John Hall,
— Elijah Hoole,
— Samuel Jackson,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— William Kelk,
— Peter M' Owan,
— John Mason,
— William Naylor,
— George Osborn,
— John Rattenbury,
— Francis A. West;

T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
John Chubb, Esq.,
Charles Cooper, Esq.,
John Corderoy, Esq.,
William Corderoy, Esq.,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
James Heald, Esq.,
James Hunter, Esq.,
John Lidgett, Esq.,
William Merry, Esq.,
William Pearce, Esq.,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.

6. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the Secretaries of the Committee of Privileges for their assiduous services during the past year.

7. The REVDS. WILLIAM BARTON and CHARLES PREST are appointed the Secretaries of the three preceding Committees for the ensuing year. All communications to be addressed to the REV. CHARLES PREST, 23, *City-Road, London*.

MISSIONS.

Q. XI. What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to our MISSIONS?

A. 1. The following persons are appointed the General Committee of Management for the ensuing year;—viz., the PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the CONFERENCE; the GENERAL TREASURERS; the Treasurer of the London District Auxiliary Society, JOHN J. BUTTRESS, Esq.; Sixteen of the Ministers appointed to the London Circuits, viz.,—

Rev. William Arthur, A.M.,
— Alfred Barrett,
— William Barton,
— Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Henry H. Chettle,
— John Hall,
— Elijah Hoole,

Rev. Thomas Jackson,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— Joseph Lawton,
— George B. Macdonald,
— John Mason,
— George Osborn,
— Charles Prest,
— William L. Thornton, A.M.;—

The sixteen following Gentlemen of *London*, viz.,—

Mr. William Bourne,
Christopher Gabriel, Esq.,
Benjamin Gough, Esq.,
Walter Griffith, Esq.,
P. Brames Hall, Esq.,
John Hunter, Esq.,
Mr. Thomas Knight,
Mr. Peter Kruse,

Williamson Lamplough, Esq.,
Mr. John Lidgett,
Mr. Francis Lycett,
Mr. William Pearce,
Mr. Joseph Shaw,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.,
Mr. William W. Williams;—

And, for the *Country*,—

Rev. Jonathan Crowther,
— Henry Davies,
— Dr. Hannah,
— John P. Haswell,
— William Naylor,
— Dr. Newton,
— John Rattenbury,
— Samuel D. Waddy;

John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
Joseph Carne, Esq., *Penzance*,
William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
James Heald, Esq., *Didsbury*,
Samuel Healey, Esq., *Liverpool*,
John Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
George Smith, Esq., *Camborne*,
Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*.

WALTER GRIFFITH, JOHN M. CAMPLIN, JAMES HUNTER, and FREDERICK INGOLDBY, Esqs., of London, are requested to act as a Medical Sub-Committee.

The following Gentlemen are appointed a Sub-Committee, to

meet prior to the next Conference, and to report on the affairs of the Polynesian Missionary Ship :—

Mr. Chodwick, *London*,
Francis Colley, Esq., *Shields*,
Thomas Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
John Irving, Esq., *Bristol*,
Mr. Lidgett, *London*,

Mr. Matthews, *Penzance*,
Thomas Sands, Esq., *Liverpool*,
Thomas Speeding, Esq., *Monkwear-*
mouth,
George Tindall, Esq., *London*,—

with power to add to their number.

2. The cordial thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to THOMAS FARMER, Esq., and the REV. JOHN SCOTT, for their important services as General Treasurers of the Wesleyan Missionary Society during the past year. MR. FARMER and the REV. JOHN SCOTT are requested to accept that office for the ensuing year; and the REV. ELIJAH HOOLE is re-appointed the Deputy-Treasurer.

3. The cordial thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the General Secretaries for their acceptable and useful services, and to the General Committee for their able and faithful direction of the affairs of our Missions, during the past year.

4. The following Ministers and other Friends are particularly invited to attend a Special Meeting of the General Missionary Committee, which will be held in Birmingham, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, July 25th, 1854, according to the Seventeenth Article of the "Laws and Regulations of the Wesleyan Missionary Society;" viz.,—the

Rev. John Bowers,
— John Brown, 1st,
— Joseph Cusworth,
— William M. Harvard, M.A.,
— Isaac Keeling,
— Thomas H. Squance,
— William W. Stamp,
— Samuel Tindall,
— Francis A. West;

William J. Beet, Esq., *Sheffield*,
Thomas Bagnall, Esq., *West-Brom-*
wich,
G. R. Chappell, Esq., *Manchester*,
Francis Heeley, Esq., *Birmingham*,
John Lofthouse, Esq., *Sheffield*,
John Nussey, Esq., *Birstal*,
William Peel, Esq., *Bradford*,
Dr. Sandwith, *Hull*,
William Smith, Esq., *Leeds*.

N.B. The Missionary Committee is empowered to invite to this Meeting such persons, being Treasurers and Secretaries of the different Auxiliary and Branch Societies, and also such other leading friends of the Wesleyan Missions as are disposed to take an active part in the support and extension of our Missionary Society.

5. The Conference unanimously adopts the following Resolutions of the Missionary Committee of Review held July 26th, 1853 :—

(1.) "That this Committee regards with high gratification the fact, that the British and Foreign Bible Society, which has often laid our Missions under the greatest obligation, by liberal assistance in diffusing the Holy Scriptures in different parts of the

world, where, without such aid, our means of usefulness would have been seriously defective, has added to all its former munificent grants, 10,000 copies of the New Testament in the language of the Friendly Islands, in a revised version; and 5,000 copies in the language of Feejee: and this Committee would record its lively gratitude for the many benefits conferred on our Missions by the Bible Society; and its fervent prayer that the blessing of the Lord may greatly prosper their proceedings in this year of Jubilee, and may hereafter rest with even greater abundance on their invaluable labours."

(2.) "That this Committee has listened with deep concern to the details of the sufferings and perils of Mr. Ludorf, the Society's Missionary among the Barolongs, beyond the northern boundary of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope; and of the cruelties and oppressions to which the natives under his Missionary care have been subject, in consequence of the proceedings of the Emigrant Boers, in the Trans-Vaal territory; and expresses its hope that the representations which have been made to Her Majesty's Government by the Wesleyan Missionary Society, in concert with other religious and benevolent Societies, and, through them, to the authorities in South Africa, may induce the Emigrant Boers to desist from the oppressive proceedings of which complaints have been made, and that the Missionaries of this and other Societies may again be allowed to pursue in peace their evangelical labours among the natives of the Trans-Vaal territory."

MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS, 1853-54.

Districts.	
<i>Bedford and Northampton,</i>	} Henry H. Chettle, Edward Lightwood.
<i>Kent,</i>	
<i>Norwich & Lynn,</i>	} William O. Booth, Richard Haddy.
<i>Oxford,</i>	
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	} Charles Westlake, Benjamin Field,
<i>Guernsey,</i>	
<i>Devonport,</i>	} Joseph Lawton, Daniel Sanderson.
<i>Cornwall, (West,)</i>	
<i>Cornwall, (East,)</i>	} Henry Davies, John Kirk, 2d.
<i>Exeter,</i>	
<i>Bristol,</i>	} Robert Newstead, William L. Binks.
<i>Bath,</i>	
<i>First South Wales,</i>	} John Rattenbury, John Thomas, 1st.
<i>Birmingham and Shrewsbury,</i>	
	} Thomas H. Squance, Charles Tucker.
	} John Bedford, Thomas Llewellyn.
	} John Hall, William Illingworth.
	} John Ryan, 1st, James D. Brocklehurst.
	} Dr. Hannah, George T. Perks, Gervase Smith.
	} R. Spence Hardy, J. Gilchrist Wilson.
	} Thornley Smith, Richard Roberts.
	} John Nelson, 1st, Samuel D. Waddy,
	} Luke H. Wiseman,
	} Robert Thompson, John Gostick.

Districts.	
<i>Macclesfield,</i>	Charles Haydon, William M. Punshon.
<i>Liverpool,</i>	William H. Rule, James Osborn.
<i>Manchester and</i>	Peter M'Owan, William B. Pope,
<i>Bolton,</i>	Thomas M'Cullagh, James M. Cranswick.
<i>Halifax and</i>	Frederick J. Jobson, Matthew T. Male.
<i>Bradford,</i>	William M. Bunting, Edward J. Hardey,
<i>Leeds,</i>	Luke H. Tyerman.
<i>Sheffield,</i>	Charles Prest, Daniel West.
<i>Nottingham and</i>	Joseph Hargreaves, George Maunder,
<i>Derby,</i>	William Barton, James H. Rigg.
<i>Lincoln,</i>	Francis A. West, Joseph Stinson.
<i>Hull,</i>	William L. Thornton, M.A., John Parkes.
<i>York,</i>	Dr. Dixon, Thomas Pennington.
<i>Whitby,</i>	Samuel Simmons, John Lambert.
<i>Newcastle,</i>	George Roebuck, David Hay, Thomas
<i>Carlisle,</i>	Vasey, Samuel Coley.
<i>Ireland, (North,)</i>	Robert Inglis, Thomas Haswell.
<i>Ireland, (South,)</i>	G. B. Macdonald, Willson Brailsford.
<i>Ireland, (West,)</i>	Alfred Barrett, John H. James.
<i>Scotland,</i>	Edward Nye.
	The President, Dr. Dixon, John Rattenbury.

SCHOOLS.

Q. XII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the affairs of our SCHOOLS?

A. 1. JOHN IRVING, Esq., and the REV. CHARLES PREST are re-appointed the General Treasurers, and the REV. PETER M'OWAN and the REV. BENJAMIN B. WADDY are appointed the General Secretaries, for the ensuing year.

2. The following persons are appointed as the General Committee for the ensuing year:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the General Treasurers and Secretaries of the School-Fund,—

Rev. William Allen, 1st,	Rev. John Kirk, 1st,
— William Barton,	— John Mason,
— Dr. Beecham,	— William Naylor,
— John Bowers,	— Dr. Newton,
— Dr. Bunting,	— John Rigg,
— William Burt,	— William W. Stamp,
— Jonathan Crowther,	— William L. Thornton, A.M.,
— Dr. Dixon,	— Thomas Vasey,
— Peter Duncan,	— Samuel D. Waddy;
— Dr. Hannah,	Thomas Farmer, Esq., <i>London</i> ,
— Thomas Jackson,	James Heald, Esq., <i>Stockport</i> ,
— Robert Jackson,	T. P. Bunting, Esq., <i>Manchester</i> ,
— Frederick J. Jobson,	G. R. Chappell, Esq., <i>ditto</i> ,
— William Kelk,	J. Vanner, Esq., <i>London</i> ,

J. Lidgett, Esq., *London*,
 A. Vickers, Esq., *Disley*,
 Benjamin Agar, Esq., *York*,
 James Meek, Esq., *ditto*,
 W. Walker, Esq., *Bradford*,
 Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 J. Lofthouse, Esq., *ditto*,
 R. Hardey, Esq., *Hull*,
 W. Turner, Esq., *Derby*,
 J. Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,

and all the members of the Local Committees who may attend the next Conference.

3. The following are the Local Committees for the ensuing year :—

NEW KINGSWOOD SCHOOL.—

Rev. Robert Newstead, *Chairman*,
 — Joseph Cusworth, *Local Treasurer*,
 — William Davenport, *Secretary*,
 — Joseph Beaumont, M.D.,
 — William P. Burgess, A.M.,
 — Henry Davies,
 — William Elton,
 — John Harvard,
 — J. Spencer Jones,
 — John Martin,
 — John F. Moody,
 — Paul Orchard, sen.,
 — Richard Roberts,
 — William Smith, 1st,
 — Ebenezer Tovey,
 — Charles Williams;

Mr. F. Heeley, *Birmingham*,
 Mr. A. Cartwright, *ditto*,
 Mr. R. F. Sturges, *ditto*,
 Mr. J. Yates, *ditto*,
 Mr. W. Perks, *ditto*,
 Mr. A. Brogden, *ditto*,
 Mr. B. Bloomer, *Dudley*,
 Mr. T. Cox, sen., *Tipton*,
 Mr. T. Davies, *Wednesbury*,
 T. Walker, Esq., *Cheltenham* ;—

James S. Budgett, Esq., *Bristol*,
 Thomas Exley, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Irving, Esq., *ditto*,
 Francis Riggall, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Ayre, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Thomas Harris, *ditto*,
 Mr. Gilbert, *ditto*,
 Mr. Price, *ditto*,
 Mr. John Collins, *Bath*,
 Mr. W. Batchelor, *ditto*,
 Mr. James Taylor, *ditto*,
 W. B. Lidiard, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Mowat, *ditto*,
 Mr. Phipps, *ditto*,
 W. H. Walmsley, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Kirklake, *ditto*.

WOODHOUSE-GROVE SCHOOL.—

Rev. Isaac Keeling, *Chairman*,
 — William Lord, *Local Treasurer*,
 — John H. James, *Secretary*,
 — Jonathan J. Bates,
 — Willson Brailsford,
 — Edward Brice,
 — James Carr,
 — Thomas Collins,
 — Isaac Denison,
 — Thomas Dickin,
 — Thomas Dunn,
 — Richard Felvus,
 — Robert S. Hardy,
 — William Hessel,
 — Elijah Jackson,
 — James Loutit,
 — John M'Owan,
 — John Rattenbury,
 — John Ryan, 1st,
 — Joseph Stinson,
 — Samuel Tindall,
 — Robert M. Willcox,
 — William Willan,
 — Theophilus Woolmer;

John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
 William Smith, Esq., *ditto*,
 Charles Bousfield, Esq., *ditto*,
 George Morley, Esq., *ditto*,
 Joseph Richardson, Esq., *ditto*,
 Joseph Thackray, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Benjamin Pollard, *ditto*,
 W. B. Holdsworth, Esq., *ditto*,
 Lodge Calvert, Esq., *Bradford*,
 W. Cheeseborough, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. T. Haigh, *ditto*,
 William Peel, Esq., *ditto*,
 T. Farmer, Esq., *Arthington-Hall*,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 J. Hopwood, Esq., *Burnley*,
 W. Pawson, Esq., *Farnley*,
 T. Blenkhorne, Esq., *Huddersfield*,
 W. Keightley, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Yewdall, Esq., *Rawdon*,
 Mr. Jonas Sugden, *Keighley*,
 W. Moxon, Esq., *Pontefract*,
 J. F. Sutcliffe, Esq., *Willow-Hall*,
 Mr. W. Hatton, *Halifax*,
 Mr. F. Roper, *ditto*.

4. The thanks of the Conference are presented to JOHN IRVING, Esq., and the REV. CHARLES PREST, the General Treasurers, and to the REV. PETER M'OWAN, and the REV. HENRY BLEBY, the Secretaries, for the efficient discharge of the duties of their offices during the year.

5. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the Local Committees and Secretaries, for their efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices during the year.

6. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the REV. JOSEPH CUSWORTH and the REV. WILLIAM LORD, the Governors of the Schools, and to MRS. CUSWORTH and MRS. LORD, for their kind and diligent attention to the comfort and welfare of the children placed under their care.

7. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the Donors of £5 and upwards, for their liberal support of the School-Fund. Their names are published in the Annual Report of the Schools.

8. The very cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to the REV. JONATHAN CROWTHER, for the able and pains-taking manner in which he has discharged the duties of Classical and Mathematical Examiner of the Schools; and the Conference requests that Mr. Crowther will undertake the same duties next year.

9. The following Resolutions are adopted on the recommendation of the General School Committee:—

(1.) "The Conference is requested to direct that the Superintendents remit to the General Treasurers, not later than the 30th of November, the whole amount of the collections and subscriptions, —including the subscriptions of the Ministers,—making no deduction whatever on account of claims for the education of children in the Circuits; which shall be paid through the Financial Secretaries at the Conference, when, according to our Rule, made in 1820, the allowance for education becomes due."

(2.) "That the Superintendents send to the General Treasurers a particular account of the sums contributed to the Fund, and of all claims for educational allowances in Circuits, and then specify distinctly the names of the children for whose education the claim is made, the date and year of their birth, and the exact number of years during which the allowance has been received."

10. The Private Subscriptions and Public Collections for the Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools, &c., are to be made in the *early* part of the month of November, 1853; and the amount, *without any deduction on account of Educational Allowances to Children*, is to be immediately remitted to the REV. BENJAMIN B. WADDY, *Stamford-Hill, London*.

BOOK AFFAIRS.

Q. XIII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to the affairs of the Book-Room?

A. 1. The REV. WILLIAM BARTON is re-appointed Secretary of the Book-Committee for the ensuing year. Letters should be addressed to him, at No. 17, *Beaumont-Street, Marylebone, London.*

2. The REV. DANIEL WEST is re-appointed Secretary of the Methodist Tract-Committee. Communications for this department should be addressed to him, at No. 14, *City-Road, London.*

3. The General Book-Committee shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, and the members of the London Book-Committee who may attend the Conference; with the

Rev. Dr. Andrews,
 — John Bowers,
 — William Burt,
 — Jonathan Crowther,
 — Joseph Cusworth,
 — Henry Davies,
 — Dr. Dixon,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Dr. Hannah,
 — Joseph Hargreaves,
 — William M. Harvard, M.A.,
 — John P. Haswell,
 — Israel Holgate,
 — George Jackson,
 — Thomas Jones, 2d,
 — Isaac Keeling,
 — William Lord,
 — Robert M. MacBrair, M.A.,
 — George Marsden,
 — James Methley,

Rev. Peter M'Owan,
 — William Naylor,
 — Robert Newstead,
 — Dr. Newton,
 — Edward Nye,
 — John Rigg,
 — George Scott, 1st,
 — John Smith, 2d,
 — William Smith, 1st,
 — William W. Stamp,
 — John Stephenson,
 — William B. Stephenson,
 — George Taylor,
 — Samuel Tindall,
 — George Turner, 1st,
 — Thomas Vasey,
 — Samuel D. Waddy,
 — Edward Walker,
 — Francis A. West,
 — J. Gilchrist Wilson;—

and the Representatives of the Irish Conference.

4. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the Editors and Book-Steward, to the Secretary of the Book-Committee, to the Secretary of the Tract-Committee, and to the London Book-Committee, for the valuable services which they have rendered in the direction and management of the affairs of the Book-Room during the past year.

5. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to the REV. WILLIAM H. RULE, for his valuable work, entitled "*Celebrated Jesuits;*" and to the REV. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, for his useful treatise, entitled "*The Incarnate Son of God.*"

6. The Conference earnestly urges upon the REV. DR. HANNAH, in concert with the REV. THOMAS JACKSON, to proceed, with all convenient despatch, in the preparation of an Introduction to a new edition of Mr. Wesley's "*Treatise on Original Sin,*" about to be published by the Book-Room.

7. The Conference cordially approves of the determination of the Book-Committee to issue a cheap edition of the valuable

"Commentary on the Holy Scriptures," by the REV. JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE, A.M.

CHAPEL AFFAIRS.

Q. XIV. What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the GENERAL CHAPEL-FUND, and the CHAPEL-RELIEF FUND?

A. (I. *General Chapel-Fund* :)

1. The thanks of the Conference are presented to JOHN BURTON, Esq., and the REV. JOSEPH HARGREAVES, the Treasurers, and the REV. FRANCIS A. WEST, the Secretary, for their faithful services during the past year; and they are hereby re-appointed to the same offices for the ensuing year.

2. The Committee of Distribution of the GENERAL CHAPEL-FUND shall meet in Birmingham, on the Friday previous to the next Conference; and shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Treasurers and Secretary of the General Chapel-Fund, the Treasurer, Secretaries, and Committee of the Chapel-Relief Fund, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Chapel-Building Committee;—

Rev. Dr. Andrews,
— William Barton,
— John Bowers,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Henry Davies,
— Dr. Dixon,
— Peter Duncan,
— John Hall,

Rev. Thomas Harris,
— John P. Haswell,
— Thomas Jackson,
— James Methley,
— William Naylor,
— William Smith, 1st,
— William W. Stamp;—

and *fifteen* Lay-Trustees, to be chosen as follows by the June Quarterly Meetings; viz., one from Birmingham West, Birmingham East, West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Nottingham North, Shrewsbury, First London, Eighth London, Bristol North, Bath, Macclesfield, Manchester First, Leeds First, Sheffield West, and Derby.

3. All Collections and Subscriptions are to be remitted to the Treasurers of the General Chapel-Fund, (Mr. Burton and the Rev. Joseph Hargreaves,) *at the latest, before the end of March, 1854.*

(II. *Chapel-Relief Fund* :)

1. The cordial and respectful thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to JOHN BURTON, Esq., of Middleton, the Treasurer of the Chapel-Relief Fund, to the REV. FRANCIS A. WEST, and MR. JOHN D. BURTON, the Secretaries, and to the Members of the Committee, for their diligent and faithful services during the past year; and the Treasurer and the Secretaries are respectfully requested to continue their services during the ensuing year.

2. The CHAPEL-RELIEF COMMITTEE for the distribution of

Final Grants in aid of Embarrassed Chapels, shall consist of the following persons; viz.,—

The President of the Conference,
 Rev. John Bedford,
 — William Burt,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Charles Haydon,
 — Richard Heape,
 — William Hurt,
 — William Jackson, 1st,
 — William Kelk,
 — George Marsden,
 — Dr. Newton,
 — Edward Nye,
 — Thomas A. Rayner,
 — John Rigg,
 — Joseph Roberts,
 — Samuel Simpson,
 — George Taylor,
 — Robert Thompson;

T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
 William Cheeseborough, Esq.,
 Charles Cooper, Esq.,
 Thomas Crook, Esq.,
 John Farnworth, Esq.,
 John Fernley, Esq.,
 James Heald, Esq.,
 Samuel R. Healey, Esq.,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq.,
 Daniel S. Leather, Esq.,
 John Lomas, Esq.,
 George Marsden, Esq.,
 John Napier, Esq.,
 William Peel, Esq.,
 Charles Simpson, Esq.,
 Archibald Vickers, Esq.,
 Peter Wood, Esq., M.D.

The Treasurer and Secretaries are, *ex officio*, members of the Committee.

3. This Committee (who have power to add to their number, if they deem it expedient) are directed to consider applications from the Trustees of Embarrassed Chapels for Relief by Final Grants, towards the reduction of debt, and to decide what proportions of the amount to be liquidated shall be raised by the Trustees and friends of each Chapel to be relieved. The Committee are directed to hold their first Meeting in October next.

4. All Letters containing applications for Final Grants must be accompanied by the Schedules prepared by the direction of the Conference, properly filled up and signed. A new Schedule must be forwarded on every new application, and addressed (post-paid) to the REV. FRANCIS A. WEST, *Daulby-Street, Liverpool*.

CHAPEL-BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Q. XV. Who are the CHAPEL-BUILDING COMMITTEE for the ensuing year, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected or enlarged, purchased or sold, nor any organ erected?

A. 1. The President of the Conference;—

Rev. John Bedford,
 — John Bowers,
 — William Burt,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Charles Haydon,
 — William Hurt,
 — William Illingworth,

Rev. Edward Jones, 2d,

— William Kelk,
 — Robert Leake,
 — George Marsden,
 — George T. Perks,
 — George Taylor,
 — William H. Taylor,
 — Robert Thompson,
 — Francis A. West;

Richard Bealey, Esq.,
 J. Blakeley, Esq.,
 T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
 John Chambers, Esq.,
 Charles Cooper, Esq.,
 John Fernley, Esq.,
 James Heald, Esq.,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq.,

George Knowles, Esq.,
 John Lomas, Esq.,
 John Makinson, Esq.,
 George Marsden, Esq.,
 Francis Parnell, Esq.,
 C. W. Rippon, Esq.,
 Archibald Vickers, Esq.,
 Peter Wood, Esq., M.D.

N.B. The obligation to consult the Building Committee extends to all cases of erection, purchase, or enlargement, whether pecuniary responsibility be incurred, or otherwise.

2. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the REV. GEORGE MARSDEN, the Chairman, the REV. WILLIAM KELK, the Secretary, and to the Members of the Committee, for their diligent attention to the business brought before them during the past year. The REV. GEORGE MARSDEN is re-appointed the Chairman of this Committee, and the REV. WILLIAM KELK the Secretary, for the ensuing year. All letters on the subject of Chapels or Schools to be built or enlarged, should be addressed to the REV. WILLIAM KELK, *Bolton*.

N.B. (1.) The Committee usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

(2.) It is particularly requested that all applications to the Building Committee be made on the authorized Schedules, which may be obtained from Mr. Mason.

(3.) For the *cautionary regulations* which refer to the erection, purchase, or enlargement of Chapels, see Minutes, Vol. XI., pp. 652—655.

3. The thanks of the Conference are presented to Mr. BRUMHEAD and friends in the Hull West Circuit, for the presentation of a new Wesleyan Chapel at Brough to the Methodist Connexion.

4. The thanks of the Conference are also presented to Mr. W. GREEN, for the gift of a house and other property at Newent to the Methodist Connexion, for the use of the second Minister in the Ledbury Circuit.

Q. XVI. Are there any SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS of the Conference with regard to Chapel-Building for the ensuing year?

A. 1. The Conference adopts the following Resolutions, which were unanimously passed at a Meeting of the General Committee on Chapel Affairs, held at Bradford, on Friday, July 22d, 1853:—

(1.) "That the Report of the Chapel-Building Committee be received and printed."

(2.) "That this Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass, without recording the great satisfaction with which it has heard of the marked improvement which is taking place in the department of Chapel-Building; and, although a considerable number of Chapels or Schools has been erected or enlarged during the year, yet that the greater part of the cost has been raised, so as

to leave a comparatively small sum as a temporary debt. This Committee is the more gratified, because this encouraging result has been brought about by a deep and increasing conviction, prevailing through the Connexion, that debt in perpetuity on places of worship is a serious evil; and that every effort should be made in future to erect or enlarge our Chapels either free from debt, or with some definite arrangement for its gradual liquidation and early extinction. This Committee is most anxious to encourage this healthy movement; and would therefore recommend to the Conference, that, for the ensuing year at least, or till the more matured arrangements in reference to Chapel affairs which are in contemplation shall have been completed, no additional Chapel or School (with the exception of those which have already received the sanction of the Building Committee) shall be erected or enlarged, unless free from debt.”*

2. Special attention is requested to the following Standing Order:—“*That no Superintendent shall allow or sanction the opening of a new Chapel in his Circuit, or re-opening of one that has been enlarged, until the Building Committee have officially certified that the conditions on which such erection or enlargement was sanctioned have been fulfilled; or that they are satisfied that such arrangements have been entered into by the Trustees as afford a reasonable probability of securing the Trust from pecuniary embarrassment.*”

CHILDREN'S FUND.

Q. XVII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the CHILDREN'S FUND?

A. 1. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the District-Treasurers of the Children's Fund throughout the kingdom, for their kind services during the year; and also to JOHN LOFTHOUSE, Esq., and the REV. SAMUEL D. WADDY, the General Treasurers, and to the REV. GEORGE B. MACDONALD, the General Secretary, of the Fund.

2. JOHN LOFTHOUSE, Esq., and the REV. SAMUEL D. WADDY, are re-appointed the General Treasurers, and the REV. GEORGE B. MACDONALD is re-appointed the General Secretary, for the ensuing year.

3. Balances due from District-Treasurers should be remitted to the REV. SAMUEL D. WADDY, *Wesley College, Sheffield*. Letters on business relating to this Fund, and the Schedules from the

* Mr. Wesley, in a somewhat similar emergency, (though our debts then were comparatively insignificant,) prevailed on the Conference of 1770 to adopt the following Resolutions:—

“1. Let no new house be built, no addition or alteration made in any old one, unless the proposers thereof can and will defray THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF IT.

“2. Let each Assistant encourage the people in each place TO MAKE A PUSH toward paying off their own debt.”—Minutes, Vol. I., p. 93

Districts, should be sent to the REV. GEORGE B. MACDONALD, 39, *Sloane-Square, Chelsea*.

4. In conformity with the standing Rule, which makes provision towards the support of the children of our Ministers, from a certain rate of contribution in proportion to the exact numbers in Society, it is agreed that, for the *ensuing year*, *One Hundred* members shall provide the allowance for *one* child. On this principle the following statement has been drawn up, which determines the number of Children's Allowances for which each District is to provide in the year 1853-54, and which must be divided by the September District-Meetings, according to rule, among the several Circuits:—

Districts.	No. of Members.	No. of Children.
1 London	17,970	180
2 Bedford and Northampton	9,724	97
3 Kent	5,627	56
4 Norwich and Lynn	6,168	62
5 Oxford	6,010	60
6 Portsmouth	4,213	42
7 Guernsey	2,969	30
8 Devonport	6,426	64
9 Cornwall	17,171	172
10 Exeter	5,152	52
11 Bristol	8,084	81
12 Bath	6,820	68
13 First South Wales	2,750	28
14 Second South Wales	4,094	41
15 North Wales	7,473	75
16 Birmingham and Shrewsbury	14,796	148
17 Macclesfield	8,554	86
18 Liverpool	10,226	102
19 Manchester and Bolton	19,849	198
20 Halifax and Bradford	14,236	142
21 Leeds	14,327	143
22 Sheffield	8,169	82
23 Nottingham and Derby	11,361	114
24 Lincoln	10,241	102
25 Hull	12,983	130
26 York	11,385	114
27 Whitby and Darlington	7,018	70
28 Newcastle	7,560	76
29 Carlisle	3,310	33
30 Isle of Man	2,740	27
31 Edinburgh and Aberdeen	2,218	22
32 Shetland Isles	1,341	13

CONTINGENT FUND.

Q. XVIII. Who are appointed to act for the ensuing year as the General Treasurers, Secretaries, and Committee, of the CONTINGENT FUND?

A. 1. ARCHIBALD VICKERS, Esq., and the REV. JOSEPH CUSWORTH, are re-appointed the *Treasurers*; and the REV. JOHN STEPHENSON, and the REV. THOMAS DICKIN, are re-appointed the *Secretaries*.

The Committee are, the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President; John Lofthouse, Esq., the Rev. Samuel D. Waddy, and the Rev. George B. Macdonald, as the Treasurers and Secretary of the Children's Fund;

Rev. William Bacon,
— John Bowers,
— Henry Davies,
— Dr. Hannah,
— John P. Haswell,
— Thomas Jackson,
— John Mason,
— Peter M'Owan,

Rev. William Naylor,
— Richard Ray,
— John Rigg,
— William Smith, 1st,
— William W. Stamp,
— Edward Walker,
— Francis A. West;

with *two* Gentlemen, members of our Society, to be chosen by the Circuit-Stewards at the May Meeting of the Birmingham and Shrewsbury District, and *one* from each of the following Districts; viz., London, Bedford and Northampton, Cornwall, Exeter, Oxford, Bristol, Bath, the Second South Wales, Liverpool, Manchester and Bolton, Halifax and Bradford, Leeds, and Sheffield.

2. The thanks of the Conference are presented to ARCHIBALD VICKERS, Esq., and the REV. JOSEPH CUSWORTH, the Treasurers, and to the REV. JOHN STEPHENSON, and the REV. THOMAS DICKIN, the Secretaries, of the Contingent Fund, for the able and satisfactory manner in which their duties have been performed.

3. The following Resolutions of the Contingent Fund Committee, held in Bradford, on Thursday, July 21st, 1853, and agreed upon after a careful consideration of the Report of the Special Committee of Finance, are unanimously adopted by the Conference :—

(1.) "That this Meeting receives with great satisfaction the recommendations of the Special Committee of Finance in reference to the subject of providing suitable residences for the Junior Ministers of our Connexion; and, in order to encourage and assist the Circuits in the accomplishment of this most desirable object, requests the Conference to direct that a grant of £50 shall be made to every Circuit which shall conclude the necessary arrangements for providing and furnishing a suitable house before the Conference of 1854."

(2.) "That, in order to afford to those Circuits which receive

aid from the Contingent Fund an opportunity of stating what number of Ministers they require for the efficient carrying on of the work of God, and also what pecuniary means they can provide for this purpose, it be recommended to the Conference to appoint a Committee, whose business it shall be to ascertain the financial position of such Circuits, and especially to learn what number of Ministers they will undertake to provide for by local efforts with the aid of a Grant from the Contingent Fund."

(3.) "That, in order to augment the yearly income of the Contingent Fund, and to promote the extension of the work of God in the agricultural as well as manufacturing districts of the country, it be recommended to the Conference to reprint the Minute on the subject of Home Missions which was adopted by the Conference of 1848. (See Minutes, Vol. XI., p. 105.)"

(4.) "This Meeting further recommends, as an arrangement strictly equitable in its principle, that the Grants for Furniture to Ministers when they become Supernumerary, or to the Widows of Ministers who have died in the work, shall no longer be made by the New Auxiliary Fund, but shall be transferred to the Contingent Fund."

Q. XIX. What is the probable income of the CONTINGENT FUND for 1854, and how shall it be distributed?

A. The Committee of Distribution having met this year before the Conference closed its sittings, reported as follows:—

"1. The Committee feel themselves bound to pay a faithful regard to the general principle set forth in the first Resolution of the *Special Committee of Finance*, which met in April last, and which has been adopted by the Conference; viz., that after 'the extinction of the debts *at present existing* in the various departments of our general economy, such arrangements be made in its several departments, as shall constitute an adequate and reasonable ground of confidence, that similar incumbrances shall in future be prevented.'

"2. In order to ascertain what amount of money, in conformity with the above principle, may be allotted to the Districts for distribution among the Circuits requiring aid to carry on the work of God, the following calculation, presented by the Treasurers, was duly considered by the Committee:—

<i>Probable Income for 1854.</i>	£.	s.	d.
Yearly Collection.....	5,667	0	0
July or Home-Mission Collection	3,398	0	0
Payment by the Missionary Committee, in compensation for returned Missionaries, taken into the work at home	630	0	0
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	9,695	0	0

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
To be deducted for payment in sums of £24, £35, or £40 each, to 134 married Ministers without Houses .	5,241	0	0			
Amount which ought to be reserved for the Payment of Extraordinaries in 1854.	2,500	0	0			
To Special Cases, agreed to by the Committee.....	740	0	0			
To Ireland.....	650	0	0			
				9,131	0	0

This leaves the sum of £564 for distribution among the Districts.

“3. The Committee are painfully aware of the general inconvenience, and, in many cases, the certain privation, which must be suffered by Circuits and Ministers, if no larger an amount than the above sum be divided among the Circuits at present more or less dependent upon this Fund. Yet they are precluded from incurring a new and embarrassing debt; and they have no authority to appropriate any part of the proceeds of the ‘Relief and Extension Fund:’ they are also aware that more than half the sum as yet *promised* to that Fund, has been already appropriated to the payment of *existing* Connexional deficiencies; and should the *proposed amount* be wholly raised, of which the Committee entertain no doubt, the remaining sum, not appropriated to Chapel-Trust purposes, will be required, to enable the Circuits to furnish houses for married Ministers, and, *for a year or two*, by special assistance, to provide for the Ministers they undertake to support.

“4. To meet the difficulty in part, the Committee recommend that for *this year*, not more than £1,000 be reserved for payment of Extraordinaries at the Conference of 1854; and they hope that, by an increase in the Yearly and July Collections, and a reduction of Extraordinary Grants to the lowest amount, this branch of the expenditure may be nearly met.

“The Committee then carefully considered the claims made by the several Districts, as urged by the Chairmen; and agreed that, if the means can be provided, the sum of £5,153 ought to be granted to the Districts, according to the first column of the subjoined list. By reserving only £813 for Extraordinaries it was found that the Treasurers will be provided with *one-half of the above sum* towards meeting these Grants. The account will then stand thus:—

	£.	s.	d.
Probable Income of 1854	9,695	0	0
Deduct for Ministers without Houses. £5,241			
Reserved for Extraordinaries	813		
Special Cases	740		
To Ireland	650		
	<hr/>	7,444	0 0
		<hr/>	£2,251 0 0
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“This sum the Districts will be entitled to claim *from the Treasurers*, as inserted in the second column of the subjoined list:—

Districts.	Grants condition- ally made by the Committee of Distribution.	Moiety directed to be paid by the Treasurers to the District.			Newly Married Ministers.
	£.	£.	s.	d.	£.
1 London.....	370	185	0	0	448
2 Bedford and Northampton .	130	65	0	0	224
3 Kent.....	74	37	0	0	278
4 Norwich and Lynn	250	125	0	0	320
5 Oxford	200	100	0	0	208
6 Portsmouth	110	55	0	0	179
7 Guernsey	40	20	0	0	80
8 Devonport	170	85	0	0	150
9 Cornwall	60	30	0	0	104
10 Exeter	173	86	10	0	243
11 Bristol	225	112	10	0	345
12 Bath	42	21	0	0	104
13 First South Wales	66	33	0	0	80
14 Second South Wales	290	145	0	0	
15 North Wales	234	117	0	0	184
16 Birmingham & Shrewsbury.	260	130	0	0	235
17 Macclesfield	100	50	0	0	120
18 Liverpool	103	51	10	0	275
19 Manchester and Bolton ...	110	55	0	0	195
20 Halifax and Bradford	110	55	0	0	80
21 Leeds	100	50	0	0	40
22 Sheffield	50	25	0	0	104
23 Nottingham and Derby ...	183	91	10	0	275
24 Lincoln.....	38	19	0	0	120
25 Hull.....	36	18	0	0	115
26 York					40
27 Whitby and Darlington ...	67	33	10	0	160
28 Newcastle-upon-Tyne	95	47	10	0	115

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Districts.	Grants conditionally made by the Committee of Distribution.	Moiety directed to be paid by the Treasurers to the District.			Newly Married Ministers.
	£.	£.	s.	d.	£.
29 Carlisle.....	221	110	10	0	155
30 Isle of Man					
31 Edinburgh and Aberdeen .	330	165	0	0	160
32 Shetland Isles	266	133	0	0	104
Ireland	650				
	<u>£5,153</u>	<u>£2,251</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£5,240</u>

SPECIAL GRANTS.

£.	£.
Huntingdon	40
Rochester	70
Lynn.....	50
Salisbury	30
Newport (Isle of Wight)...	25
St. Ives.....	30
Bristol, North	20
Bristol, South	30
Downend	40
Monmouth	30
Warminster	35
Dorchester	20
Castle-Carey	30
Ludlow	30
Uttoxeter	20
Sheffield, East	70
Grantham	50
Melton-Mowbray	30
Epworth	30
Brigg.....	40
Bedale	20
	<u>£740</u>

“The Committee then further agreed,

“5. That the Conference be requested to permit and recommend each District, at the September Meeting, to devise the means of raising the other half of the sum which the Committee have granted, in the hope that, by holding, at a suitable time, a Public Meeting in each principal Circuit of the District, or in such other manner as the Meeting may judge best, a sufficient sum may be realized, so that at the May District-Meetings the claimant Circuits may be assured that they will receive the full amount entered in the first column.”

This Report having been made to the Conference, it was then resolved,—

That the Conference receives and approves the Report of the Committee of Distribution; and hereby expresses the earnest hope that the Districts will adopt such measures as will meet the financial difficulties of the present year, and will also carry out those arrangements, now proposed, by which similar embarrassment may be prevented in future.

WORN-OUT MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AUXILIARY FUND.

Q. XX. Who are the Committee of the WORN-OUT MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AUXILIARY FUND,—appointed to superintend the general state and working of that Fund; and also to consider and decide upon such peculiar cases of Supernumerary and Superannuated Ministers, and of Widows of Deceased Ministers, as may be specially recommended by the District-Meetings in the ensuing year, for some *occasional* relief from that Fund?

A. The PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the Conference; the EX-PRESIDENT; and the

Rev. Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Dr. Hannah,
— Thomas Harris,
— John P. Haswell,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Samuel Jackson,
— Isaac Keeling,
— John Mason,
— William Naylor;

Robert Abbott Esq., *Alford*,
John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
Thomas Farmer, Esq., *London*,
John Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,
James Heald, Esq., *Stockport*,
Clement Heeley, Esq., *Birmingham*,
J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
Francis Riggall, Esq., *Bristol*,
Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
Thomas Wade, Esq., *Selby*,
Ralph Wilson, Esq., *Newcastle*.

N.B. Should any of the persons belonging to this Committee be unable to attend its Meeting on the Saturday previous to the assembling of the next Conference, early notice should be sent to the PRESIDENT, who has authority to appoint substitutes.

Q. XXI. Who are appointed the TREASURERS and the SECRETARY of the Auxiliary Fund, for the ensuing year?

A. 1. GEORGE R. CHAPPELL, Esq., of Manchester, and the REV. JOHN RATTENBURY, are requested to accept the office of Treasurers; and the REV. HENRY H. CHETTLER, that of Secretary; and they are *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

2. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to GEORGE R. CHAPPELL, Esq., and the REV. JOHN RATTENBURY, the General Treasurers, to the DISTRICT-TREASURERS, the CIRCUIT-TREASURERS, and the SECRETARY, to whose continued and faithful services the maintenance of the Fund is so largely indebted.

Q. XXII. Have the DONATIONS IN THE CLASSES during the year amounted, on the average, to Sixpence per Member?

A. 1. The Conference learns with grateful satisfaction from the Committee's Report, that though there is still a deficiency in a few Circuits, the amount raised from this source, in aid of the Fund, approaches nearer to the required average than in any former year.

2. The Conference again records its grateful acknowledgments to God for His continued blessing upon this Christian measure for assisting the Supernumerary Ministers of our body, and the

Widows of deceased Ministers; and presents its cordial thanks to our people for the affectionate sympathy they have shown, and for their generous contributions. And it cherishes the hope that the same "willing mind" will continue, so that next year the required average may be raised.

Q. XXIII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the affairs of the AUXILIARY FUND?

A. 1. The Conference adopts the following resolutions, passed by the Committee of the AUXILIARY FUND, at its Meeting, on Saturday, July 23d, 1853:—

(1.) "That whereas the generosity of the Methodist Connexion has provided the sum of £2,769 to cover the deficiency of the present year, rather than the abridgment in the allowances adopted for the last two years should be repeated; it is recommended, That the usual allowances shall be made this year; but, at the same time, this Committee is satisfied that a similar abridgment of allowances must again take place next year, unless the present income of the Fund is increased so as to meet the expenditure: this will require an additional sum of from £2,500 to £3,000."

(2.) "This Committee, having learned with satisfaction that the Special Committee of Finance has recommended the transfer of payments of Grants to Supernumeraries and Widows towards Furniture, from the Auxiliary Fund to the Contingent Fund, unanimously concurs in this recommendation; and requests the Conference to direct that the payments shall be made accordingly this year."

2. The cordial thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the numerous friends who have generously and seasonably aided this Fund by *Special Donations*; and also to those Executors who have promptly and kindly paid sundry Legacies, during the year.

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

Q. XXIV. What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION?

A. 1. The Conference has heard with great satisfaction the Reports of the Local Committees and General Treasurers of the Institution; and offers devout thanks to Him from whom all good proceeds, for the important benefits which, by His blessing, it continues to accomplish.

2. The Conference gratefully recognises the valuable services still rendered to the Institution by the counsels and influence of its venerable President, the REV. DR. BUNTING; and earnestly hopes and prays that he may be permitted, by the providence of God, to continue those services for years to come.

3. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the Tutors and House-Governors, to the General and Local Treasurers, and

to the General and Local Secretaries, for their faithful and efficient services during the past year.

4. JAMES HEALD, Esq., and the REV. JOHN FARRAR, are re-appointed the General Treasurers; THOMAS FARMER, Esq., and P. BRAMES HALL, Esq., the Treasurers of the Southern Branch; JOHN BURTON, Esq., and JOHN D. BURTON, Esq., the Treasurers of the Northern Branch: the REV. JONATHAN CROWTHER is appointed the General Secretary; the REV. ALFRED BARRETT the Secretary of the Southern Branch; and the REV. G. T. PERKS the Secretary of the Northern Branch.

5. The Committee for the Special Examination of Candidates for our Ministry shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Tutors and House-Governors of both Branches of the Institution, the Missionary Secretaries, and such other Ministers as may be selected from their own number by the next Annual Meeting of the London District. The REV. ALFRED BARRETT and the REV. BENJAMIN B. WADDY are appointed the Secretaries of this Committee.

Q. XXV. Who are the GENERAL COMMITTEE for the ensuing year?

A. The President and the Secretary of the Conference; the General Treasurers and Secretary; the President of the Institution; the Tutors and House-Governors of both Branches; the Local Treasurers and Secretaries; and the General Secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society.—The Rev. John Mason, the Rev. Frederick J. Jobson, and Messrs. T. Crook and P. Kruse, are requested to act as Auditors; and shall, as such, be Members of the General Committee.

Q. XXVI. Who are the LOCAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT for the *Southern* Branch of the Institution?

A. The President of the Conference; the President of the Institution; James Heald, Esq., one of the General Treasurers; Thomas Farmer, and P. Brames Hall, Esqrs., the Local Treasurers; the Local Secretary; the Richmond Tutors and House-Governor; the Secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society; the Book-Steward and Editors; and the following Ministers and Gentlemen:—

Rev. William Barton,
Robert Bentley, Esq.,
Rev. William M. Bunting,
John M. Camplin, Esq.,
Rev. Henry H. Chettle,
John Chubb, Esq.,
Christopher Gabriel, Esq.,
Rev. John Hall,
James Hoby, Esq.,
James Hunter, Esq.,
John Hunter, Esq.,
Rev. Frederick J. Jobson,
Thomas Knight, Esq.,

Mr. Peter Kruse,
Rev. John C. Leppington,
Rev. George B. Macdonald,
Mr. James Nash,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
Rev. Charles Prest,
Richard M. Reece, Esq.,
Rev. John Scott,
Rev. Thomas Stokoe,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.,
E. Westlake, Esq.,
Rev. Henry W. Williams.

Q. XXVII. Who are the LOCAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT for the *Northern Branch* of the Institution?

A. The President of the Conference; the President of the Institution; James Heald, Esq., one of the General Treasurers; John Burton, and John D. Burton, Esqrs., the Local Treasurers; the Local Secretary; the Didsbury Tutors and House-Governor; and the following Ministers and Gentlemen:—

Richard Bealey, Esq., *Radcliffe*,
 Rev. J. Bedford, *Stockport*,
 H. Bowman, Esq., *Manchester*,
 T. P. Bunting, Esq., *ditto*,
 Rev. William Burt, *Bolton*,
 W. Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
 C. Cooper, Esq., *Manchester*,
 T. Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 Rev. P. Duncan, *Manchester*,
 J. Fernley, Esq., *ditto*,
 J. Fildes, Esq., *ditto*,
 Rev. W. Hurt, *ditto*,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 G. Knowles, Esq., *Bolton*,
 John Lomas, Esq., *Manchester*,
 Rev. G. Marsden, *Glossop*,

G. Marsden, Esq., *Manchester*,
 John Mayson, Esq., *ditto*,
 James Morris, Esq., *ditto*,
 Rev. Dr. Newton, *Southport*,
 Rev. John Rigg, *Macclesfield*,
 Rev. J. Roberts, *Stockport*,
 S. H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 G. Turner, Esq., M.D., *Stockport*,
 A. Vickers, Esq., *Disley*,
 Rev. S. D. Waddy, *Sheffield*,
 Rev. F. A. West, *Liverpool*,
 J. P. Brown Westhead, Esq., *Manchester*,
 E. Westhead, Esq., *ditto*,
 Peter Wood, Esq., M.D., *ditto*,

EDUCATION.

Q. XXVIII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the subject of **WESLEYAN EDUCATION**?

A. 1. The Conference adopts the following Resolutions of the Special Meeting of the Committee of Education, held in Bradford, on Monday, July 25th, 1853:—

“The Minutes and Proceedings of the Acting Committee in London, and the Treasurer’s Account, having been read; it was resolved,

(1.) “That this Committee receives the Report now presented, and feels itself called upon to record its devout and grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for the proofs of the successful management of the Normal Institution which are found in the Minutes of the Committee now read, in the accounts received from the Circuits to which Teachers from the Institution have been sent, and in the testimonies borne to their qualifications and success by Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Schools.”

(2.) “That, in future, the Returns from the Circuits of Wesleyan Week-day Schools and Scholars shall include the Schools held under Wesleyan sanction, or on Wesleyan property; that the classification of them for the purposes of the Annual Report be left to the discretion of the General Committee; and that, if possible, the present year’s Return shall be completed by such an account being at once obtained from the Superintendent Minister of each Circuit.”

(3.) “That this Committee learns with much regret that there is

so large a number of Circuits in which no Meetings have yet been held for the purpose of raising the necessary funds for building and commencing the Normal Institution; and earnestly requests that the Conference will take such measures as may be deemed most suitable for securing the holding of such Meetings at the first favourable opportunity."

2. The Conference, in furtherance of the above Resolution, directs, that in the course of the next twelve months, and as early as convenient, a Meeting shall be held in every Circuit where one has not been held already, for the purpose of raising the amount still necessary to complete the fitting up and furnishing of the Normal Institution at Westminster, and promoting the establishment of Week-day Schools in the Circuits where at present none exist,—such Meetings to be attended, where it may be practicable, by a Deputation from the General Committee; and the Committee in London are hereby authorized and requested to correspond with the several Districts and Circuits, in order, during the year, fully to carry out the present Resolution.

3. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to the late President, the REV. JOHN SCOTT, Principal of the Normal Institution, and Chairman of the General Education Committee, for the faithful and valuable services which he has rendered in these offices, under the pressure of his arduous public duties during the past year.

4. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the Treasurers, the Secretary, and the acting Committee, for the ability and zeal with which they have discharged the duties of their respective departments during the year.

5. The REV. JOHN SCOTT, the Ex-President, is re-appointed the Chairman of the Education Committee; JAMES HUNTER, Esq., and the REV. FREDERICK J. JOBSON, are re-appointed the Treasurers; and the REV. MICHAEL C. TAYLOR is re-appointed the Secretary, for the ensuing year.

N.B. All Communications to be addressed to the REV. MICHAEL C. TAYLOR, *Normal Training Institution, Westminster.*

6. The Committee shall consist of the following persons; viz.,—the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Treasurers and the Secretary; the

Rev. Alfred Barrett,
— William Barton,
— Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Henry H. Chettle,
— John Hall,
— William Hopewell,
— Samuel Jackson,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Joseph Lawton,

Rev. George B. Macdonald,
— George Osborn,
— Charles Frest,
— William H. Rule,
— William L. Thornton, A.M.,
— Luke H. Wiseman,
— Joseph Wood;
Mr. Armstrong,
J. F. Bennett, Esq.,
Mr. William Bourne,

Mr. Buckland,
Mr. Isaac Clark,
Mr. J. Clippingdale,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
Benjamin Gough Esq.,
Thomas Gurney, Esq.,
James Hoby, Esq.,
George T. Jerram, Esq.,

Thomas Knight, Esq.,
Mr. Peter Kruse,
J. Lidgett, Esq.,
Francis Lycett, Esq.,
Mr. F. Shaw,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.;—

And, for the Country,

Rev. John Bowers,
— Willson Brailsford,
— William Burt,
— Jonathan Crowther,
— Isaac Denison,
— Dr. Haunah,
— John P. Haswell,
— Israel Holgate,
— William Illingworth,
— Isaac Keeling,
— William Kelk,
— Peter M'Owan,
— James Methley,
— William Naylor,
— Dr. Newton,
— James Osborn,
— John C. Pengelly,
— John Rattenbury,
— John Rigg,
— John Stephenson,
— Thomas Vasey,
— Samuel D. Waddy,
— Francis A. West,
— J. Gilchrist Wilson;
Robert Abbott, Esq., *Alford*,
John Bottom, Esq., *Nottingham*,
J. S. Budgett, Esq., *Kingswood*,
T. Percival Bunting, Esq., *Manchester*,
John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
Joshua Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,

R. Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
Mr. T. Davies, *Wednesbury*,
J. B. Falconar, Esq., *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*,
George Fishwick, Esq., *Garstang*,
Thomas Garland, Esq., *Redruth*,
John Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,
Samuel R. Heeley, Esq., *Liverpool*,
Thomas Holmes, Esq., *Hull*,
John Irving, Esq., *Bristol*,
Mr. Clarkson Kay, *Bury*,
J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
George Knowles, Esq., *Bolton*,
John Mayson, Esq., *Manchester*,
F. Parnell, Esq., *Manchester*,
William Peel, Esq., *Bradford*,
Dr. Sandwith, *Hull*,
George Sercombe, Esq., *Exeter*,
George Smith, Esq., F.A.S., *Cambridge*,
William Smith, Esq., *Leeds*,
S. H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
Mr. R. F. Sturges, *Birmingham*,
Mr. Jonas Sugden, *Keighley*,
Thomas F. Sutcliffe, Esq., *Willow-Hall*,
Archibald Vickers, Esq., *Disley*,
Thomas Wade, Esq., *Selby*,
T. Walker, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
Ralph Wilson, Esq., *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*,
Peter Wood, Esq., M.D., *Manchester*.

7. The Conference, being aware of the inconvenience and distress, or even positive failure, which would probably result in cases where any other *item* of importance, beyond the *current expenses* of the School, might be required to be annually provided for, recommends to all Local Committees to aim, in the commencement of their respective undertakings, at having their School Premises entirely free from debt; and, with a view to the securing of this object,—

The Conference directs the parties contemplating the erection of premises (or any expensive alteration or enlargement of premises already erected) for the establishment of *new* Schools, to communicate,—*First*, With the Education Committee, for the

purpose of receiving suitable counsel as to the general eligibility of their projected undertaking, and the adaptation of the premises to the system of instruction designed to be adopted; and, *Secondly*, With the Chapel-Building Committee, for the purpose of receiving such advice and assistance, in regard to the proposed building-plans and estimates, as the experience of that Committee may enable them to give.

8. The following Ministers and Friends are particularly invited to attend a Special Meeting of the above-named Education Committee, which will be held in Birmingham, at nine o'clock, A.M., on Monday, July 24th, 1854; viz.,—

Rev. William Allen, 1st,
 — William Bacon,
 — John Bedford,
 — Samuel Brocksop,
 — Corbett Cooke,
 — Joseph Cusworth,
 — Henry Davies,
 — Dr. Dixon,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Thomas Dunn,
 — Joseph Hargreaves,
 — John Hobson,
 — George Jackson,
 — Robert Jackson,
 — John Kirk, 1st,
 — James Laycock,
 — William Lord,
 — Robert M. MacBrair, M.A.,
 — George Marsden,
 — Thomas Nightingale,
 — James Rosser,
 — James Scholes,
 — George Scott, 1st,
 — Robert Sherwell,
 — John Smith, 2d,
 — Joseph Stinson,
 — Thomas Thompson, M.A.,
 — Samuel Tindall,
 — Edward Walker,
 — Theophilus Woolmer;

B. Agar, Esq., *York*,
 T. Bagnall, Esq., *West-Bromwich*,
 Richard Bealey, Esq., *Bury*,
 Mr. B. Bloomer, *Dudley*,
 Mr. J. Brewer, *Walsall*,
 Mr. Brock, *Exeter*,
 Mr. Cardall, *Birmingham*,
 J. Carne, Esq., *Penzance*,
 A. Cartwright, Esq., *Birmingham*,
 James Chadwick, Esq., *York*,
 Mr. Thomas Cox, *Dudley*,
 W. Dyson, Esq., *Howden*,
 Mr. E. Eyre, *Sheffield*,
 Mr. Edge, *Burslem*,
 Mr. C. Heeley, *Birmingham*,
 Mr. F. Heeley, *ditto*,
 Mr. J. Frost, *Wodnesbury*,
 W. B. Holdsworth, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Mr. T. Holmes, *Bradford*,
 Robert Hardy, Esq., *Hull*,
 D. Leather, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 J. Lofthouse, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 J. Marshall, Esq., *Stockport*,
 Mr. Millward, *Birmingham*,
 W. Perks, Esq., *ditto*,
 H. Richardson, Esq., *Barnsley*,
 R. Ripley, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Mr. E. Smith, *Madeley*,
 W. Turner, Esq., *Derby*,
 Dr. Waddy, *Birmingham*,
 J. Yates, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. H. Yates, *ditto*.

N.B. The Education Committee is empowered to invite to this Meeting any other Friends who take part in the support and extension of our Day-School system.

CATECHUMEN CLASSES AND PASTORAL CARE OF THE YOUNG.

Q. XXIX. What does the Conference determine on the subject of CATECHUMEN CLASSES, and PASTORAL CARE OF THE YOUNG?

A. 1. The following Ministers are appointed a Committee for

the general direction of this effort:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference;

Rev. Samuel Jackson, *Convener*,
Joseph Richardson, Esq., *Park-Square, Leeds, Treasurer*,

Rev. Robert Jackson, *Secretary*,
— William Arthur, A.M.,
— James Carr,
— Hugh Carter,
— Samuel W. Christophers,
— William H. Clarkson,
— Corbett Cooke,
— Nehemiah Curnock,
— Henry Davies,
— John Dowty,
— Joseph Earnshaw,
— William M. Harvard, M.A.,
— Israel Holgate,
— Peter C. Horton,
— George Jackson,
— John H. James,
— William Jessop,
— Robert Leake,

Rev. James Loutit,
— Robert M. MacBrair, M.A.,
— James Methley,
— Thomas S. Monkhouse,
— Peter M'Owan,
— James E. Moulton,
— Robert Newstead,
— John C. Pengelly,
— Theophilus Pugh,
— James H. Rigg,
— John Rigg,
— John Smith, 2d,
— Thomas H. Squance,
— Alexander Strachan,
— James Sutch,
— Samuel Tindall,
— James J. Topham,
— George Turner, 1st,
— John Watson,
— Isaac Woodcock.

MR. JACKSON has authority to receive subscriptions towards the advancement of this work in England.

2. The Book-Committee is instructed to prepare a List of Select Scriptural Lessons, two for each week, properly dated, for the use of Schools, Families, and Catechumen Classes, during the year 1854. The List shall be printed in such a manner as to form a small, neat book; and provision be made at the commencement for the insertion of the names of the Catechumen, Circuit, and Minister.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Q. XXX. What Resolutions does the Conference adopt in reference to the RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH?

A. 1. The Conference has heard with pleasure the report of the proceedings of the Sabbath Committee; (especially those bearing on the attempt to open the Crystal Palace on the Lord's day;) and presents its thanks to the Committee, and to the Secretaries, the REV. ROBERT NEWSTEAD, and the REV. PETER M'OWAN, for their services during the year.

2. The following Ministers are appointed the Committee for the year ensuing:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference;

Rev. William Arthur, A.M.,
— Alfred Barrett,
— William Barton,
— Jonathan Crowther,
— Thomas Jackson,
— George Maunder,
— Peter M'Owan,

Rev. William Naylor,
— Robert Newstead,
— Charles Prest,
— William H. Rule,
— William L. Thornton, M.A.,
— George Turner, 1st.

N.B. The REV. R. NEWSTEAD and the REV. GEORGE MAUNDER are appointed the Secretaries of this Committee.

3. The Conference, remembering the marked diminution of crime which followed the partial closing of public-houses on Sundays about ten years ago; and deeply affected with the consideration that, under the influence of intoxication, far more criminal offences are committed on the Lord's day than on any other day of the week; strongly recommends our Ministers and people to unite with others in promoting petitions to the Legislature, praying for the entire closing on the Lord's day of those houses, in order to the suppression of this most demoralising form of Sabbath-desecration.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE OF LAST YEAR.

Q. XXXI. What is the judgment of the Conference on reviewing the Resolutions of the Conference of 1852, on the REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, relating to various parts of our discipline, which were published in the Minutes of last year, and the Explanations and Improvements therein contained?

A. 1. The Conference expresses its great satisfaction with the very cordial reception which has been so extensively given to the Regulations contained in these Resolutions, under Questions xxx., xxxi., and xxxii., in the printed Minutes of last year; and, in now confirming them, indulges the confident hope that their operation will prove conducive, under the blessing of God, to the peace and harmony of the Connexion.

2. That the Committee for revising and enlarging the Collection of Rules at present appended to the Class-Books be re-appointed; and that the REV. DR. HANNAH be added to that Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Q. XXXII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference on receiving the "REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE," which met in pursuance of the directions given by the Conference of 1852?

A. 1. The Conference approves and adopts the Report now presented, and directs that the FINAL RESOLUTIONS which that Committee so unanimously recommended shall be printed in its Annual Minutes.*

* The entire Report of the Proceedings of the Committee is published as an Appendix to these Minutes. See pages 328—344.

"I. That the present state and probable wants of the Connexion require that measures be forthwith adopted for the extinction, as early as possible, of the debts at present existing in the various departments of its general economy; and that at the same time such arrangements be made, in its several departments, as shall constitute an adequate and reasonable ground of confidence that similar incumbrances shall in future be prevented.

"II. That this Meeting has received with great satisfaction the Report of the United Committees, (for the relief of necessitous chapels,) and also the valuable suggestions offered, in writing or verbally, by several members of this Meeting. Its satisfaction is greatly increased from the evidence thus supplied of the great and growing concern felt by the Connexion on account of the amount of debt which still rests upon its trust-estates, and of a general and earnest desire to adopt some suitable means of relief. It is also encouraged to hope that some plans may speedily be devised, whereby all Circuits in which chapel-debts exist, may be enabled, by their own local resources and efforts, gradually, but effectually, to extinguish them. But this Meeting is also of opinion that, while Trustees and all Circuit Officers must more than ever depend upon their own local efforts for meeting the claims to which they may be liable, on account of chapel-debts, and other charges arising from the establishment and maintenance of their local institutions, the present time, when a Resolution has been taken to pay off existing Connexional debts, is a fitting opportunity to raise a sum of money sufficient to afford means for offering a premium and inducement to local exertion for the extinction of debts upon Chapel-Trust Estates, (with the understanding that the surplus income of such Trust Estates, so relieved, will be made available for the support and extension of the work of God,) and also, if found practicable, to assist in the gradual formation of a fund, by which some Connexional assistance may be hereafter given towards the erection of new chapels in important and eligible localities; where, without such stimulus or aid, sufficient means may not be supposed or found to exist.

"N.B. This proposal is not designed to interfere with the present action of the Committee of the CHAPEL-RELIEF FUND.

"III. That this Meeting recommends that, in future, the Circuits be expected to undertake the support of the Ministers they employ, with such aid as can be afforded to them (after making a suitable Reserve for Extra-ordinaries) by Grants from the Contingent Fund, to be apportioned after careful inquiry by the Financial District-Meetings into the local circumstances and comparative necessities of each Circuit.

"IV. That, while, at the ensuing Conference, it may be necessary to make appointments, and distribute the Contingent Fund, according to the plan of late years, this Meeting recommends that, at the Conference of 1854, the progressive Grants of £24, £35, or £40, to newly-married Ministers *without Houses* be discontinued; and that whatever sum would have been thus apportioned, on the plan of late years, be distributed in the form of Grants to the Districts for Ordinaries, and through them to the Circuits.

"V. That those Circuits in which newly-married Ministers have been stationed be earnestly requested to provide Houses, *if possible*, during the year between the Conference of 1853 and that of 1854.

"VI. That this Meeting hopes that means may be provided to assist and encourage those Circuits which make *early* arrangements for taking and furnishing a Minister's House, by a liberal Grant towards furniture; and, if possible, *for a year or two*, by special assistance towards Ordinary Deficiencies, in cases of evident necessity; and that, for these purposes, it would be highly desirable that a sum of about £7,000 should be obtained, in conjunction with the effort to liquidate the existing debts of the Connexional Funds.

"VII. That, in order to afford the claiming Circuits an opportunity of

deliberately and advisedly stating what number of Ministers they require for the efficient carrying on of the work of God, and what pecuniary means they can provide for the support of the work on the required scale, this Meeting recommends that such Circuits be requested to forward Returns to the District-Committees, or to a Committee to be appointed by each Financial District-Meeting, stating what number of Ministers they can undertake to provide for by local efforts, with the aid of a Grant from the Contingent Fund. And this Meeting further recommends that a Special Committee be appointed by the Conference to examine the whole of such Returns, to communicate, as need may require, with the May District-Meetings in 1854, and to report on the whole subject to the ensuing Conference. This Meeting is also of opinion that the Chairman of each District, associated with a Lay-Friend, might, with great advantage, be authorized and requested to visit those dependent Circuits in which a Minister's house is required.

"VIII. That, as the proceeds of the Contingent Fund are at present inadequate to the existing wants of the Home Work, and as the Fund was instituted not merely for the support, but also for the extension, of the work of God in our own country, it appears highly desirable again to direct the attention of our people to a Minute on the subject of Home Missions, which was adopted by the Conference in 1848, and has already been reprinted by order of the Conference, as follows, viz.,—

"Q. XXXVII. How may the Missionary character of our Home Work be better sustained, and its usefulness extended?

"A. With a view to obtain additional means for the spread and support of the work of God, by the more extensive preaching of the Gospel in our own country, especially in Districts which peculiarly need such efforts, the Conference, after careful deliberation, resolves, that in Circuits where such a step may be considered to be practicable and expedient, the Superintendents and other Ministers may very advantageously hold, once a year, a Public Meeting, for the purpose of laying before our congregations and friends the necessity and duty of further exertions to meet the spiritual exigencies which so largely exist, and to increase, by an enlargement and extension of our usual system, the number of those who are sent forth by our body to evangelize the destitute portions of our land."

The pressing necessities of our Home Work seem to this Committee to render the measure thus sanctioned urgently requisite; and it is hoped that, if generally adopted, it will eventually be very productive.

"IX. That, with reference to the New Auxiliary or Worn-Out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, which has for years been inadequate to the claims upon it, this Meeting recommends, as an arrangement equitable in its principle, and indispensable to render the Fund adequate to its proper Expenditure, that the Grants for Furniture to Supernumeraries and Widows be made in future from the Contingent Fund.

"X. That, in order to insure a general alleviation of the pressure on all the Funds, it be recommended to the Conference to take out no Preachers on trial this year, and, unless a revival of religion and a great increase of Connexional zeal and liberality should indicate a necessity for additional ministerial and pastoral agency, for some time to come to take out Ministers sparingly, but in sufficient number to supply the Theological Institution, and, through its two Branches, to fill up vacancies caused by death or otherwise in the Circuits; and to reserve at the Institution a sufficient number of Students who have completed their course, to enable the President, from time to time, to give the aid required for such vacancies as must be supplied to prevent injury to the cause of God.

"XI. That it be recommended to the Conference to revise the arrangement which permits Students who have passed three years at the Theological Institution to marry at the close of their third year of travelling; and that, in the present financial exigency, as Circuits are expected to take and furnish a

House after having had an unmarried Preacher for, at most, *four* years, it is requisite, as a corresponding arrangement, and is hereby suggested for the consideration of the Conference, that Preachers hereafter admitted should be entitled to the allowances of unmarried Preachers only, until they shall have travelled four years in Circuit work; but that those who, after four years' probation, shall be approved by the Conference should, as at present, be admitted and ordained as Ministers in full connexion.

"XII. That, for the purposes expressed in the preceding Resolutions, it is desirable that the Fund now to be raised should be at least £100,000; and that two years should be allowed for the payment of donations,—the first payment to be made at the ensuing Conference, and the second at that of 1854.

"XIII. That a Special Committee be appointed for the completing and carrying into effect the objects of the preceding Resolutions, both as to the measures to be taken for obtaining Contributions in addition to the Subscriptions so auspiciously commenced, and the specific appropriation of the Fund that may be raised; and that this Committee consist of the following Ministers and Gentlemen; viz.,—

"The President and the Secretary of the Conference; the Rev. Dr. Bunting, Dr. Hannah, Dr. Beecham, Charles Prest, John Lomas, Isaac Keeling, Frederick J. Jobson; with Messrs. Heald, Farmer, Vanner, T. P. Bunting, J. R. Kay, and F. Riggall, with power to add to their number.

"The following names have since been added:—Rev. Robert Newton, D.D., Thomas Jackson, John Bowers, Isaac Keeling, Jonathan Crowther, George Marsden, James Dixon, D.D., John Mason, Elijah Hoole, William Burt, Samuel D. Waddy, Francis A. West, William Kelk, John Hall, George Osborn, and William L. Thornton, M.A.; Messrs. John Corderoy, London; Christopher T. Gabriel, ditto; John Chubb, ditto; John Irving, Bristol; Thomas Walker, Cheltenham; Joseph Carne, Penzance; George Smith, F.A.S., Camborne; Brock, Exeter; Carpenter, Stroud; John Hartley, Wolverhampton; Bottom, Nottingham; Collingham, Lincoln; John Meek, Macclesfield; Dr. P. Wood, Manchester; G. R. Chappell, ditto; John Fernley, ditto; Vickers, Disley; John Mayson, Manchester; Cheeseborough, Bradford; John Burton, Leeds; William Smith, ditto; W. B. Holdsworth, ditto; S. H. Smith, Sheffield; Hardy, Hull; Agar, York; Brogden, Carlisle; Wilson, Newcastle.

"The following Officers have also been appointed:—*Treasurers*: James Heald, Esq., John D. Burton, Esq., Manchester. *Secretaries*: Rev. Frederick J. Jobson, Mr. Edward Corderoy, London; Rev. John Rattenbury, Mr. George Smith, Leeds; Rev. J. D. Brocklehurst, Mr. George Marsden, Manchester."

2. The Conference most gratefully acknowledges the great services rendered to the Connexion, in the time of financial difficulty and embarrassment, by the labours and counsels of the Committee of Finance convened by the late President, the Rev. JOHN SCOTT, and devoutly rejoices in the formation, progress, and extraordinary success of the "Connexional Relief and Extension Fund:" and, in order that the contemplated sum of £100,000 may be raised, it is hereby directed, that all the Ministers of the Connexion, and especially the Superintendents, shall zealously co-operate with that Committee in preparing for, and conducting, those Circuit-Meetings on behalf of the Fund which are yet to be held, and in forwarding all necessary arrangements for completing the contributions and payments at the next Conference.

3. In pursuance of the direction contained in No. VII. of the above Resolutions, and to afford the Circuits claiming assistance from the Contingent Fund an opportunity of deliberately and advisedly stating what number of Ministers they require for the efficient carrying on of the work of God, and what pecuniary means they can provide for their support, every such Circuit shall forward to the District-Committee, or to a Committee appointed by each Financial District-Meeting in September next, a Return, stating what number of Ministers it can undertake to provide for, with aid from the Contingent Fund, and what amount of Grant it will request; that these Returns shall be taken into careful consideration at the May District-Meetings, when the Circuit-Stewards are present, and approved or modified, as may appear best; and that these Returns, as recommended by the several District-Meetings, shall be referred for further consideration to a Special Committee now to be appointed, who shall also consider in what manner the proceeds of the Contingent Fund may be most equitably and beneficially distributed, and present a full Report to the next Conference.

4. That the following Ministers and Gentlemen be the Special Committee for the above purpose: the President of the Conference, if he deem it desirable, may add to the number:—

The President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Treasurers and Secretaries of the Contingent Fund, the

Rev. William Barton,
 — Dr. Beecham,
 — John Bowers,
 — Dr. Bunting,
 — Jonathan Crowther,
 — Dr. Hannah,
 — John P. Haaswell,
 — Thomas Jackson,
 — Frederick J. Jobson,
 — Isaac Keeling,
 — William Kelk,
 — John Mason,
 — Dr. Newton,
 — Charles Prest,
 — John Rattenbury,
 — John Rigg,
 — Samuel D. Waddy,
 — Francis A. West;
 Benjamin Agar, Esq.,

Richard Bealey, Esq.,
 T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
 John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
 John D. Burton, Esq.,
 J. Chadwick, Esq.,
 William Cheeseborough, Esq.,
 Edward Corderoy, Esq.,
 Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
 John Farnworth, Esq.,
 James Heald, Esq.,
 Samuel R. Heeley, Esq.,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq.,
 William Peel, Esq.,
 Francis Riggall, Esq.,
 George Smith, Esq., *Camborne*,
 Samuel H. Smith, Esq.,
 John Vanner, Esq.,
 Thomas Wade, Esq.,
 Ralph Wilson, Esq.

5. That the following Ministers and Gentlemen be a Sub-Committee, to consider in what manner the propositions of the Finance Committee of last year, now adopted by the Conference, with respect to providing furnished houses for married Ministers, and for improving generally the efficiency of the Contingent Fund, may be most satisfactorily carried out; the Sub-Committee

to meet as soon after the Conference as may be convenient, before the September District-Meetings, and at any other time which they deem desirable prior to the Meeting of the Special Committee. The Committee and the Sub-Committee shall be convened at such times and places as the President of the Conference shall direct:—

The President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Treasurers and Secretaries of the Contingent Fund, the

Rev. Dr. Hannah,
— Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Isaac Keeling,
— Charles Prest,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— Samuel D. Waddy,
— Francis A. West ;

John Burton, Esq.,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
James Heald, Esq.,
J. Robinson Kay, Esq.,
John D. Burton, Esq.,
T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Thomas Wade, Esq.

HOME MISSIONS.

Q. XXXIII. How may the MISSIONARY CHARACTER OF OUR HOME WORK be better sustained, and its usefulness extended ?

A. By the request of the Special Committee of Finance, the following Minute of Conference is reprinted :—

“ With a view to obtain additional means for the spread and support of the work of God, by the more extensive preaching of the Gospel in our own country, especially in Districts which peculiarly need such efforts, the Conference, after careful deliberation, resolves, that in Circuits where such a step may be considered to be practicable and expedient, the Superintendents and other Ministers may very advantageously hold, once a year, a Public Meeting, for the purpose of laying before our congregations and friends the necessity and duty of further exertions to meet the spiritual exigencies which so largely exist, and to increase, by an enlargement and extension of our usual system, the number of those who are sent forth by our body to evangelize the destitute portions of our land.”

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Loyal Address to Her Majesty.* Resolved unanimously, *all rising,*

That an humble and dutiful Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the recent accession to the Royal Family by the birth of a Prince.

2. *Thanks to the late President and Secretary.* Resolved unanimously, (1.) That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the REV. JOHN SCOTT, for the eminently able, judicious, and faithful manner in which, during a year of con-

tinued Connexional trial, he has fulfilled his important duties, both at the sittings of the last Conference, and subsequently, on several occasions, in conducting proceedings of critical difficulty and great moment.

(2.) That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the REV. JOHN FARRAR, for his very able and highly acceptable services as the Secretary of the Conference.

3. *Official Sermon and Charge.* Resolved unanimously, (1.) That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the REV. DR. HANNAH, for his kindness in preaching in the place of the late President, and for the richly evangelical and very able and impressive discourse which he delivered on that occasion; and that he be requested to prepare it for publication.

(2.) That the REV. JOHN SCOTT, the late President, be affectionately requested to comply with the earnest and respectful solicitation of the newly-ordained Ministers that he would prepare for publication the excellent and remarkably appropriate Charge, replete with the most important and sagacious counsels, which in the course of his official duty he addressed to them in connection with the solemnity of their ordination.

4. *Attendance of Ministers at Official Meetings.* Mistakes having arisen in reference to this subject, the Conference deems it proper and necessary to declare, that all the Ministers and Preachers on Trial appointed to a Circuit have a constitutional right to take part as members in our Leaders'-Meetings, and in all other official meetings of the Circuits to which they are appointed.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. *Auxiliary Fund.* (1.) Each Circuit is to be responsible to the General Treasurers for a yearly sum equal at the least, on a general average of all the Societies included within that Circuit, to Sixpence per Member, the numbers for the Circuit being taken, in all cases, as returned to the preceding Conference, and published in its Minutes.

(2.) The Conference directs, that, at the renewal of the Society Tickets during the September Visitation, every Minister shall fully explain to the Members the nature and reasonableness of those claims upon their justice and liberality, which were intended to be met by the establishment of this Fund. He shall also give to each member a short printed Address, explanatory of the same particulars. He shall then enter in the Class-Book the individual subscriptions, as in the case of the Yearly Collection at the March Visitation. At the *first* or *second* Class-Meetings in the month of October, the Leaders shall collect the Subscriptions thus promised, and shall pay the same to the Circuit-Treasurer, as hereinafter appointed.

(3.) In order to prevent a deficiency in the sum which an average of Sixpence per Member throughout England, Scotland, and Wales would raise, the Conference directs that the Ministers of every Circuit be enjoined, with the assistance of our lay-friends, to do their utmost to raise its full proportion in October next, by the Subscriptions in the Classes; and that, in any Circuit which shall then prove deficient, Public Collections shall be made to meet such deficiency, if not otherwise provided for.

(4.) In every Circuit, at the September Quarterly-Meeting, a Circuit-Treasurer for the Worn-out Ministers' and Widows' Fund shall be appointed, whose office it shall be,

(i.) To meet the Class-Leaders, not later than the last week in October, in order to examine the books in which the contributions of the Members shall have been entered; and to receive the sums which shall have been paid, in the early part of that month.

(ii.) To see, or communicate with, those Leaders who cannot attend the Meeting.

(iii.) To confer with the Ministers and leading Friends of the Circuit, on the best method of making up the deficiency, if it should happen in any case that the amount received in the Classes falls below the proportionate sum chargeable on the Circuit.

(iv.) To remit the Circuit contribution to the District-Treasurer for the Auxiliary Fund, as is the case in respect to the Children's Fund;—this remittance to be made in the month of November, *at the latest*.

(5.) At each Financial District-Meeting, held in September, a District-Treasurer shall be chosen, to whom all sums raised in the Circuits of his District shall be paid, and he shall transmit such sums to the General Treasurers not later than the 13th of December. These remittances are to be addressed to the REV. JOHN RATTENBURY, *Leeds*.

(6.) At the Annual District-Meetings held in May, when the Circuit-Stewards are in attendance, the District-Treasurers shall report the sums which they have received from the several Circuits;—when, if any Circuit has not raised its quota, the Ministers and Stewards of that Circuit shall be urged to make up the deficiency; and arrangements shall be made for the continued prosecution in the several Circuits of this truly Christian measure, which the Connexion, in the Centenary year, so unanimously recommended to the adoption of the Conference.

2. *Annual Return of Members in Society.* The number of Members in Society, and of persons admitted on trial, as taken at the *March* Quarterly Visitation in each year, and reported, by a presentation of the Circuit-Schedules, at the District-Meetings, shall be the number returned on the Minutes of the following Conference.

3. *Liverpool Minutes.* Resolved, that the Resolutions adopted by the Conference in the year 1820, and usually called the Liverpool Minutes, besides being read and considered in every Annual Meeting of the District-Committees, as our standing Regulations require, shall also be read at the Weekly Meeting of Ministers in each Circuit, next following each September Quarterly Meeting; and the Chairmen of Districts are directed to make inquiry concerning the due observance of this regulation.

4. *Rule of 1797 concerning Admission of Members.* Mistakes having occasionally arisen respecting the meaning of the Rule of 1797, on the subject of the admission of persons who are on trial as members of our Society, the Conference deems it necessary to repeat the statement, That it never was intended that the names of all those who are on trial should be laid before a Leaders' Meeting for distinct and formal discussion; but solely this, That if there be, in the opinion of a Leader, any reasonable objection to the character and conduct of any person who is on trial, such objection may be stated by him; and that if the validity of the objection be established to the satisfaction of the Meeting, a Member's Ticket shall not be given to the person so objected to, at the Quarterly Visitation.

5. *Schedules and Circulars for Connexional Business.* As it is obviously desirable that the Committees appointed by the Conference to manage the several departments of the business of the Connexion, in the intervals of its session, should be furnished with as much statistical information as possible on the matters of business severally confided to their care, the Conference authorizes them, through their appointed Officers, to send, when they deem it expedient, suitable Circulars and Schedules to the Superintendents or to the Chairmen of Districts, as the case may require; and directs the Superintendents and Chairmen duly to return such Schedules properly filled up.

6. *Reading of the Pastoral Address in Society-Meetings.* The Superintendents are directed to appoint a Special Society-Meeting to be held, at each principal Chapel in their Circuits, either in the afternoon of the Lord's day, or on some convenient evening of the week, for the purpose of having the Pastoral Address read to the Society, and made the subject of suitable remarks and exhortations.

7. In order to bring the state and progress of the work of God in every Circuit distinctly and regularly under the examination of the District-Meetings, copies of the *Printed Circuit Schedules*, duly filled up, shall be annually produced, examined, and considered. The Chairmen of Districts are made responsible for the execution of this order; and shall bring such Circuit-Schedules with them to the Conference, that they may be forthcoming, if called for. (See also Minutes for 1831, Q. xxv., Vol. VII., p. 67.)

8. *Minor District-Meetings.* The following addition to the Rule of 1793, on the constitution of Minor District-Committees, is unanimously adopted by the Conference; viz.,—

That, in any case in which the Chairman of a District may deem it necessary to appoint a Minor District-Committee, should either party refuse or decline to choose two Ministers to act as members thereof, the Chairman is empowered and directed to nominate them, so that the number required by rule may be made up.

9. *Candidates for Admission on Trial.* Those Preachers who are recommended for admission on Trial shall preach in the presence of at least three of the Ministers of the District-Committee, (at or about the time of its Annual Meeting in May,) to be selected by the Chairman, (exclusively of the Superintendents by whom the Candidates respectively are proposed,) and a special report of the Sermons shall be made in the District-Meeting, and immediately forwarded in writing to the London Committee of Examination.

10. *District-Meetings of 1854.* It is resolved, that all the regular Annual Meetings of the several District-Committees shall be held between the 14th and 21st of May, 1854, with the exception of the Lincoln, the North Wales, and the Second South Wales.

11. *Preachers on Trial to have proper Opportunities for receiving the Lord's Supper.* The Conference, having been informed that in several Circuits the Preachers on Trial have very rarely an opportunity for receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, resolves that, in compliance with a former injunction on this subject, the Superintendents be required to make the necessary arrangements, in their Circuit-Plans, for securing to their junior Colleagues proper facilities for partaking of this holy Sacrament.

12. *District-Minutes.* The Chairmen of Districts are peremptorily required to procure *three* complete copies of the Minutes of the several Annual and other Meetings of the District-Committees, duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary. One of these copies shall be inserted in the District-Records; a second shall be reserved for the use of the Chairman and Financial Secretary at the Conference; and a third shall be delivered to the Sub-Secretaries, on the Wednesday preceding the Conference, and by them to the President during the first week of each Conference, to be preserved, under his direction, as a document appertaining to the Connexion. The several copies of the last class shall be written on foolscap paper, that they may be annually bound together in one volume.

13. The Superintendents of those Circuits in which the Conference may from year to year assemble, shall, with the previous

approbation of the President, (as already required by rule,) complete and print, not later than the 15th day of June in each year, a Plan of the order of preaching in the principal chapels during the session of the Conference; and shall also, on or before the above date, inform every person whom they may have appointed to preach in those chapels, of the time and place of such appointment. And in order that the Plan thus prepared may not be violated, to the disappointment of our friends, and to the great inconvenience of other parties concerned, no Minister who attends the Conference shall be at liberty to make an engagement to preach in any other Circuit, either on the Sabbath, or on any other day, during the period appointed for the meeting of the Conference, or of its various Preparatory Committees, at the time for which his name shall be inserted on the Conference Plan.

14. The Chairmen of Districts are enjoined to make particular inquiries at their Annual Meetings in reference to all the points of Discipline specified in the first Article of the Answer to Q. XXVIII., in our Minutes of 1825.

CONFERENCE OF 1854.

Q. XXXIV. When and where shall our NEXT CONFERENCE be held?

A. In *Birmingham*, commencing on Wednesday, July 26th, 1854, at Nine o'clock, A.M.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN LOMAS, *President*,
JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary*.

Bradford, August 12th, 1853.

The PRESIDENT's address is, 2, *Wright-Street, Oxford-Road, Manchester*; and the SECRETARY's, *Richmond, London*.

ORDER OF COMMITTEES FOR 1854.

The COMMITTEES preparatory to the next Conference are appointed to meet in Birmingham, as follows;—(subject, however, to any change of the particular order, days, or hours, here specified, which the PRESIDENT, giving due notice to the parties concerned, may find it expedient to make:) viz.,—

1. *Stationing Committee*, Friday, July 14th, at nine A.M.
2. *Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools' Committee*, (pp. 254, 255,) Wednesday, July 19th, at four P.M.
3. *Contingent Fund and Children's Fund Committee*, (p. 263,) Thursday, July 20th, at nine A.M. and four P.M.
4. *Chapel Affairs, including Chapel-Fund, Chapel-Relief Fund, and Chapel-Building Committees*, (pp. 258, 259, 260,) Friday, July 21st, at nine A.M.

5. *Book Committee*, (p. 257,) Friday, July 21st, at four P.M.
6. *Auxiliary Fund Committee*, (p. 268,) Saturday, July 22d, at nine A.M.
7. *The Sabbath Committee*, (p. 275,) Saturday, July 22d, at four P.M.
8. *The Catechumen Committee*, (p. 275,) Saturday, July 22d, at six P.M.
9. *General Education Committee*, (pp. 272—274,) Monday, July 24th, at nine A.M. and four P.M.
10. *Special Missionary Committee of Review*, (pp. 251, 252,) Tuesday, July 25th, at nine A.M.
11. *Annual Meetings of the Trustees of the two Institution-Houses*, Tuesday, July 25th, at four P.M.
12. *Theological Institution General Committee*, (p. 270,) Tuesday, July 25th, at six P.M.

N.B. 1. The Secretaries of the several Funds are directed to meet in Birmingham, on Wednesday, July 19th, for the purpose of preparing for their respective Committees the accounts of their several departments.

2. The Rev. Isaac Keeling, the Rev. Jonathan Crowther, and the Rev. William Barton, our Sub-Secretaries, are directed to attend at the same time, for the purpose of compiling from the District-Minutes various Lists, &c., which will facilitate the business of the Committees, and of the subsequent Conference.

3. The Chairmen of Districts are required to bring, or send, *in time for the meeting of the Secretaries of the several Funds*, on Wednesday, July 19th, perfect copies of the District-Minutes, and an account of the Numbers in Society in the several Circuits of their Districts, as taken at the March Visitation in 1854.

LIST OF GENERAL COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1853-54.

The following are the usual and regular Collections which are to be made in all our Circuits during the ensuing year; viz.,—

1. The private Donations in the Classes, on behalf of the Worn-out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund, shall be entered in the Class-Books at the next September Visitation, and collected in the month of October (See Minutes of 1851, Q. xxvii., A. 2, Vol. XI., p. 664.)

2. The Private Subscriptions and Public Collections for the Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools, &c., are to be made in the *early* part of the month of November, 1853; and the amount should be immediately remitted to the Rev. Benjamin B. Waddy, *Stamford-Hill, London*, one of the General Secretaries for the School-Fund, according to the directions given under Q. xii., p. 256, of these Minutes.

3. The Annual Subscriptions, due January 1st, and occasional Donations, for the Wesleyan Theological Institution, are to be solicited in every Circuit in the first or second week of January, 1854; and *forthwith* remitted to the Rev. John Farrar, at the *Wesleyan Theological Institution, Richmond, London*.

4. The Annual Public Collections for the General Chapel Fund are to be made in the month of February, 1854; and the whole amount should be immediately remitted to Messrs. Burton and Hargreaves, *Holderness-Road, Hull*.

5. The Yearly Collection in all the Classes is to be made, as usual, at the March Visitation, and the money to be paid at the District-Meetings in May.

6. The Private Subscriptions and Public Collections for the Wesleyan Education Fund are to be made in the month of April, 1854, and the money to be paid, at or before the May District-Meeting, to the Financial Secretaries, and by them remitted to the Rev. Frederick J. Jobson, 3, *Chester-Place, Lambeth, London*. The *Circuit Lists* are to be sent by the Superintendents to the Rev. Michael C. Taylor, *Normal Training Institution, Westminster, London*.

7. The Private Subscriptions for the Mission-Fund are to be received in all our Circuits, either weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually, as is most convenient to the Subscribers. The annual Public Collections for that Fund are to be made in all our chapels, and other preaching-places, at the time of the Anniversaries of the several Auxiliary or Branch Societies; or, where no Public Meetings of that kind are held, in the month of May. The money so raised must be remitted, *through the hands of the District-Treasurers*, to Thomas Farmer, Esq., and the Rev. Elijah Hoole, whose address is, *Wesleyan Centenary Hall, Bishopsgate-Street within, London*.

8. The Private Subscriptions for the Auxiliary Worn-out Ministers' and Widows' Fund are to be solicited in the month of May, 1854; and a list of Subscriptions is to be sent to the Secretary, not later than the 30th of June. (See Minutes of 1851, Q. XXVIII., Vol. XI., p. 666.) The money is to be paid on or before the first day of the Conference to the Financial Secretary of the District, and by him to Messrs. Chappell and Rattenbury, the Treasurers.

9. The Collection in aid of the Contingent Fund, for the support and spread of the Gospel in *Great Britain and Ireland*, is to be made in all our chapels and preaching-places, *not later than the second Sunday in July, 1854*; and the money is to be paid, *on or before the first day of the Conference*, to the Financial Secretaries of each District respectively, and by them to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund, Messrs. Vickers and Cusworth.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE QUEEN.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Ministers of the Gospel in the Connexion established by the late Rev. John Wesley, A.M., in their Annual Conference assembled.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Ministers of the Gospel in the Connexion established by the late REV. JOHN WESLEY, A.M., being at this time assembled in our Annual Conference, beg to approach Your Majesty with sentiments of the most affectionate and devoted allegiance, accompanied with fervent prayers to Almighty God, that He may ever guard Your Majesty's Person and Throne by His own most gracious protection.

Our sincere congratulations, in behalf of the United Societies of Wesleyan Methodists throughout Great Britain, Ireland, and Your Majesty's Dominions in Foreign Parts, are hereby most humbly tendered to Your Majesty, and to His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, on occasion of the recent addition of a Prince to the Royal Family,—and our devout hope is that God, the Author of all life, will preserve the Infant Prince, with each of the other Members of the Royal House, and grant him His perpetual blessing.

May it please Your Majesty also to receive our congratulations, mingled with our hearty thanksgivings to Him who “healeth all diseases,” on the recovery of Your Majesty, His Royal Highness Prince Albert, and several branches of the Royal Family, from sickness,—to which, in conjunction with all Your Majesty's loyal subjects, at home and abroad, we would add our devout and earnest wishes, that Your Majesty and all the Royal Family may enjoy health and “length of days,” followed by that better life which shall never decline or die.

Gratefully commending Your Majesty's Royal Person, Family, and Government to the continual favour and guardianship of the “King of kings, and Lord of lords,”

We are, in the name, and on the behalf, of the Wesleyan-Methodist Conference,

Your Majesty's faithful and most obedient subjects and servants,

JOHN LOMAS, *President*,
JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary*.

Bradford, Yorkshire, July 27th, 1853.

THE ANSWER. •

*From the Right Hon. Viscount Palmerston, M.P., Secretary
of State for the Home Department.*

" Whitehall, August 4th, 1853.

" SIR,

" I HAVE had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful Address of the Wesleyan-Methodist Conference, which accompanied your letter of the 28th ult.

" And I have the satisfaction to inform you, that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

" I am, Sir,

" Your obedient Servant,

" PALMERSTON."

*" The Secretary to the Wesleyan Conference,
" Bradford, Yorkshire."*

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE
TO THE METHODIST SOCIETIES.

" GRACE be unto you," dear brethren, "and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the Faithful Witness, and the First-begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth." The revolution of years tends not to diminish, but rather to increase, our care and love for "the flock of God" of which we are called to take "the oversight." Be assured that, while offering to you topics of reflection, and of self-examination, we devoutly implore a richer baptism of grace on our own spirits; that each of us may be sanctified for yet higher and holier service, inspired with more affectionate concern to be a helper of your faith, and stimulated to apply to himself, with jealous and trembling fidelity, the admonitions that may be urged on his charge. Desiring, above all things, to "give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word," we renew our vows, and invite you to join in this solemnity; that now, as from one censer, our united homage may go up to heaven, "an odour of a sweet smell," acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

All who would make sure progress heavenward will place among their daily exercises, and in the very first rank, the duty to which allusion has been already made,—that, namely, of *self-examination*. Suffer us, then, to remind you, that this may with advantage be extended to a wide range of particulars.

Occasions like the present suggest not a few inquiries, to be pondered in our most sacred hours, and to be answered in the presence of Him who "searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts." Nor may we forget His own tender and thrilling appeals: "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself." "Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after Me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of His increase." Recalled by this voice from our forgetfulness, let us ask—Are we now, as in the happiest of our days gone by, walking in the light of the Lord? If our joys are less flowing, is our faith stronger, and more realizing? While time rolls on, is Christ more and more precious to us, as our Righteousness and our Strength? Are we joyfully proving the offices of "the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost," proceeding from the Father and the Son? Is our appreciation of *the truth*—of that which, amidst all that is true, claims this supreme character—at once grateful and reverential? Does an "unfeigned love of the brethren" show, to all around, that we have indeed "purified our souls in obeying" that "truth through the Spirit?" Is our knowledge of God's oracles becoming deeper and more comprehensive? Do we delight to be found in the place of secret prayer? Are opportunities of communing with Christ's disciples sought and diligently improved,—“and so much the more, as we see the day approaching?” Is our hope of heaven contributing to refine and hallow us for that state of full and mysterious blessedness? Is love—that greatest of the graces which adorn the new man—"abounding" in us "yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment?" Are we, in our Captain's strength, overcoming the world and Satan? Finally, are we living for a while in this strange land, like the first believers, as citizens of heaven, "from whence also we look for the Saviour?"

If these and the like inquiries tend to humble us in the dust, they will prove all the more salutary. Before Him against whose majesty, purity, and lovingkindness we have ten thousand times offended, it becomes us to sink in contrition and sorrow. While *we* discover in ourselves so much to lament, what must be open to *His* all-searching eye! "If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities,"—sins in word, thought, and deed,—languor of devotion, and neglect of duty,—“O Lord, who shall stand?” But He with whom we have to do, says, "I am God, and not man:" "I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." We are not forsaken of our most merciful Redeemer. Visitations of calamity are, not seldom, among the proofs of His longsuffering regard. "As many as I love," He

says, even to the poor Laodiceans, "I rebuke and chasten: be zealous, therefore, and repent." In dealing with churches, as well as with individuals, He often corrects with most compassionate severity. If the reasons of His conduct were unapparent,—if we were constrained to say, with the mourning patriarch, "Show me wherefore Thou contendest with me,"—it could not be our part either to complain or greatly to wonder. Submission to a perplexing Providence would always become us in this infancy of our being; just as we expect a child to bow to the family discipline, though he may know little about the reasons on which it is founded. Of this submission, moreover, blessed and hallowed by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the results are humility, trust, the habit of waiting on God, and the drawing of the disciplined soul toward that world in which all is light, inasmuch as all is love. But, in regard to the great aim of the Divine dealings, we are not left in obscurity: our heavenly Father never chastens us "after His pleasure," but always "for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness." If this end has been in any degree secured, let us look back, like Israel of old, and adore our Benefactor. Pilgrims in the wilderness of this world, let us "remember all the way which the LORD our God has led" us, "to humble" us, "and to prove" us, "to know what was in" our "heart," even "whether" we would "keep His commandments, or no." Not only, indeed, have we been *led about*, often in paths that we should not have chosen; but our wants have been supplied in a manner best adapted to confound our self-reliance, and to teach us whence all our succours are to be drawn. "He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years." Best of all, "He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people."

At once humble and grateful in reviewing our own past experience, let us run back in thought to other days,—days marked by miracles of grace,—days "of the right hand of the Most High." The God of Abraham, and Moses, and Elijah,—of Apostles and all ancient saints,—the God who sustained in exile, dungeons, and fires, a "noble army of martyrs,"—is *our* God in Christ; His resources, undiminished and inexhaustible. As He was with His earlier and worthier confessors, so He is with us. His truth and grace live through all time, and exhibit no symptom of decay. Let us seek to feel the sanctifying power of the former, and the Gospel fulness of the latter. While we "hold fast the form of sound words," we may not rest without the influence which makes

great theological doctrine vital and saving. Never were the members of our body more earnestly one, than at this day, in maintaining evangelical orthodoxy: but, dear brethren, are we exemplifying the principles we confess? It is monitory to bear in mind, that the light which shines around us—as full, we humbly believe, as ever illumined ancient or modern churches—may be the very medium of displaying our unfaithfulness, and may set in clouds that portend our deeper condemnation. The trumpet blown in God's holy hill gives no "uncertain sound," in reference, for example, to the Divine witness of acceptance; a blessing which Abel, Enoch, and myriads more, from age to age, have enjoyed through faith in the one Lord Jesus Christ, "both theirs and ours." But what avail the most lucid views, and the strongest argumentative pleas, unless by the impulse of the Spirit in our hearts, we are daily crying, *Abba, Father?* Nay, what avails the memory of days when we rejoiced in this inward evidence of salvation, if the thrice-blessed sunshine has been dimmed?—So, as to the doctrine of Entire Sanctification. It is much, doubtless, to hold high and accurate views of this excelling grace; and it is more to express these in the ample and edifying variety of "words which the Holy Ghost teacheth." None can be too careful in collecting the manifold illustrations shed in Scripture on this great hope of our calling. But, beloved, are we aspiring after the inner knowledge to be obtained by a personal enjoyment of "perfect love," which "casteth out fear?" The blood of the Cross has not lost its cleansing virtue; the Comforter is still "the Spirit of holiness;" and the commandment of the Eternal Father, implying assurance of all needful help, is as plain and imperative as when Prophets and Apostles spake in His name,—"Be ye holy; for I am holy."

The religion of the heart will find its manifestation in all purity, fidelity, and beneficence of the life. Far be it from us to decry religious ardours: it is always important, however, to trace them to their cause, and to test them by their results. The two disciples who, on the most memorable of all occasions, had journeyed from Jerusalem to Emmaus, said, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened unto us the Scriptures?" Mark, it was by communion with Christ, and by the expounding of the written word, that their fervours were kindled. Happy, if our highest raptures are awakened by the drawing near of Jesus, while He shows us His hands and His side; if we love most those services, public and secret, in which Christ "our Hope," "our Life," is most "evidently set forth" before our eyes! Happy, if new views of God's own Book accompany and heighten all our religious excitements! Then the results will be deeper humility, a truly filial fear of the Lord, an abhorrence of everything tending to lead us away from Christ,

or to drown the whispers of the Spirit, or to impair the authority of that word which "liveth and abideth for ever."

Suffer us, dear brethren, to express our sense of the peculiar value, in this respect, of the means of Christian fellowship which happily exist among us; and, especially, of the *class-meeting*. In our best moments, let us think of the benefits thus received in our early Christian life, and then ask whether our sense and enjoyment of religion have not declined with our declining love of this very privilege? Surely we need, amid the manifold cares and allurements of this world, to be often recalled to thoughts which bear on our education for that which is to come. It is not easy to find a better mode, than that which our class-meeting furnishes, of "exhorting and edifying one another,"—of "bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ." Encourage our valued auxiliaries, the Leaders, by meeting them at the time appointed. Emulate the saints of old, of whom Malachi records that they "*spake often one to another*;" and doubt not that, as in their case, "the LORD" still "hearkens and hears it," and "a book of remembrance" is "written before Him for them that fear the LORD, and that think upon His name." Join your brethren and sisters in the temper of kindly confidence. Together drawing near to the Father of us all, we shall find everything inconsistent with that temper melting away in the light of His revealed presence. Above all, avoid mere *routine* in this engagement. Let every class-meeting be a frank, simple, edifying *conversation*,—*a talking of the things which pertain to the kingdom of Jesus Christ*. Let Leaders seek to enrich this communion with the fruit of constant Bible-reading, and of a profitable acquaintance with the annals of the church, the lives of eminent saints, and the books in which their devotions have found utterance.

We long to witness the presence of God in all our families, and in all our public solemnities. The promise stands recorded,—"The LORD will create upon every dwelling-place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for, upon all, the glory shall be a defence." Why should we not claim it? There are signs, not a few, of its fulfilment. Crowds are listening to the word preached; godly order is advancing; the pastoral ministry is increasingly valued by a multitude of true worshippers. And what wait we for? We need a thousand blessings; but, if we obtain a plentiful effusion of the Holy Spirit, all grace and glory will come in His train. "The LORD shall guide thee," O Israel, "continually, and satisfy thy soul in droughts, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." "In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall

be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them." "The light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of His people, and healeth the stroke of their wound." Will not the ever-gentle, ever-gracious Spirit come, if we add our prayers, though stammering and unworthy, to the intercession of our Redeemer? Yes! beloved brethren: the gift of the Comforter still signalizes the enthronement, triumph, and prevalence of Jesus. He who not merely died for our benefit, but "His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree," has "sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool." He weeps no more—suffers no more; but, in serene and certain anticipation, waits for the meed of all His agonies. O, believe the record. Claim the promise it involves. Drink of the pure river which, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, refreshes all the hills of Zion.

You will still honour the Lord, dear brethren, by a due regard to His ordinances, and, among these, to the preaching of the Gospel. His Ministers are weak, trembling, pierced with a sense of their unworthiness; but their office is *His* institution, and "out of weakness" shall they be "made strong." Nothing in Scripture indicates that this simple, unexampled arrangement will ever be superseded in the church militant here on earth. No advance of intelligence—no sanctification of the press—no style of dissertation on Biblical science—no increase of the church's gifts—can supply the place of the Christian Preacher and Pastor. Our conviction is, that when millennial glory has dawned, yea, until the last trumpet shall sound, the CHIEF SHEPHERD will be heard in whispers of more than human kindness and grace,—“Feed My lambs:” “Feed My sheep:” “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof.” With tears we confess, when we bow our knees before God, that the office has been most inadequately discharged. But, all praise to sovereign mercy! we have not betrayed the trust. Much we owe to your prayers: still hold up our feeble hands, while you plead, also, for the whole Israel of God. “Ye that are the LORD’s remembrancers, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”

Shall we yield to discouragement? Surely not; when, after “a great and strong wind,” “an earthquake,” and “a fire,” we hear within our sacred enclosures “a still small voice.” It is our sorrowful duty, indeed, to report a decline of numbers; and they who take for their models “the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem, who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof,” will boast of the too successful efforts put forth to scatter and tear the sheep redeemed by the good Shepherd. Had we the

ear of such parties, we would remind them of the fate which has overtaken mightier ones than they, who once fought against that church which is the first care of Heaven. For, where now are Edom, Egypt, Babylon? "If God be for us, who can be against us?"—who, with honour, or success, or impunity? The triumph of scorners will, doubtless, be shortlived. Already, with slight exceptions, our "churches" at home have "rest;" and "walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost," they shall surely be "multiplied." In distant lands the mighty arm of God has been revealed. From France, British America, and the Great Western Republic, as well as from many of our stations in the Pagan world, joyful tidings have reached us during the last year. "Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Thy judgments, O LORD." Thousands of emigrants, whom we commend to your prayers and continued religious counsels, will yet spread the Gospel light in the ends of the earth. Looking beyond our denominational bounds, and cherishing the spirit of catholic Christian love, we joyfully own that Jesus Christ has now on earth a greater number of witnesses than ever; that His truth is spread more and more widely, especially by means of that noblest institution whose Jubilee we hail this year; and that the altered policy of the foe may be justly interpreted as a confession of felt weakness. The torch of prophecy, meanwhile, illuminates the future with assurances of greater things; and, without entering into dubious and unpractical speculation on prophecies which await their fulfilment, a glance at passing events may lead us to believe that tremendous issues are approaching. The mystic Babylon will be ere long "thrown down," to be "found no more at all;" and "blessed are they which are called," in that long-expected consummation, "unto the marriage-supper of the Lamb."

Not that we are to expect an easy victory. Many powers of earth are combining, and will combine, in vain hope of arresting the progress of truth, and righteousness, and mercy. Pray for the peace of Europe, and of the world; but prepare for inevitable struggles with an army of aliens. The style of religion which these times demand is one in which meekness blends with fortitude, and vigour with lowliest charity; in which zeal degenerates not into fury, and "the armour of righteousness" is not exchanged for weapons of less ethereal temper. We have boasted too much of the nineteenth century: we have sometimes pronounced it impossible that superstition should wield its dreary sceptre over these realms, recovered, at the cost of more-than-patrician blood, from its ancient grasp. But Protestantism has been menaced in its very citadel. Romish institutions are multiplied; and there is a bold attempt to poison the springs of education, of literature, and of public policy. An almost unparalleled activity is engaged

on the side of error. We must meet the hostile influence in the family, in the school, in the library, "at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors." Parents and Teachers, especially, are bound to guard the young against the insinuations of their most wily and deadly foe. But the effectual mode of parrying every danger, is to seek the salvation of all who come under our influence. How is it, we may most emphatically ask, that any who bear the Christian name rest satisfied with less than the conversion of all their children?

In referring to another form of evil which opposes a pure and benignant Christianity, it is scarcely needful to repeat our counsels in detail. "Blessed is the man.....that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it." Let us cultivate the spirit which prompts us to "call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable;" the spirit which, not needing a variety of minute injunctions, owns at once the blended joy, sanctity, and dignity of that brightest of our days. One word of caution may be admitted, to prevent the abridging of our sabbatic opportunities. Strive to guard the later hours of Saturday night. Before the dawning of the Lord's day, seek to be filled with appropriate thoughts,—if we may borrow a fine expression from Archbishop Leighton, to have the soul thus early "sequestered" from the cares which press on it during the anxious week.

There is much, in other directions, to awaken solicitude. An idolatry of genius, combined with a passion for what is new, encourages a current literature which is positively antichristian. The glory and immutability of God's truth are forgotten. There is a tendency to deny the plenary inspiration of the Bible—the only view, as it appears to us, in which a devout mind can find repose. The wildest schemes arrogate the name of *spiritualism*. Popular favour attends on a class of writers who would unsettle all Christian faith, and remove every venerable landmark.

Even among ourselves, attempts are made here and there to revive unedifying discussion of first principles. Let these be mildly, firmly, prayerfully withstood. Satisfied that our footing is firm, "let us go on," in this sense, "unto perfection;" "not laying again the foundation," but rather building thereon. Abhor everything that impairs love. Let none beguile you into the fancy that "the fruit of righteousness" can be "sown" otherwise than "in peace," or by any but "them that make peace." Abstain, dear brethren, from merely controversial talk: life is too short, eternity is too near, the world's history hastens too swiftly to its great result, our own spiritual dangers are too many and too threatening, to allow this waste of golden opportunity. Whatever others do, "let *your* speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." So let your lips and lives, in sweetest accord, prove that "the word of Christ

dwells in you richly in all wisdom." Let every friendship be hallowed. Let all your hours, not excepting those of recreation, carry an acceptable report to heaven.

Greatly shall we benefit by the things we have suffered, if henceforth the door to each of our church-offices be more scrupulously guarded; if our young people be led to a wider course of reading, embracing an outline (at least) of church history and polity; if the families of our charge be trained in a closer acquaintance with their Pastors; if we all awake to new zeal in behalf of those who are not yet numbered in the fellowship of the saints, and to new fidelity in dealing with those who, though nominally in that fellowship, or even holding certain offices in the house of God, are not decidedly spiritual. Nothing will avail but the faith which unites us to Christ; not munificence in supporting our institutions,—not the hereditary love of many things connected with religion,—not loyal-hearted fidelity to a scriptural and time-honoured church-order. May none of our dear friends abide in externalisms! "Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces." But take care to enter the inner sanctuary, in which you may repose as beneath the wings of cherubim, and behold the glory of the Lord, till "changed into the same image."

Watched, as you are, by an evil world, need we caution you against anything that could compromise the purity and unspotted honour of your character as citizens? Under the influence of far higher considerations, you will seek, we trust, to glorify God in all the relations of life,—domestic, social, and political. Be the friends of your country, and its defenders, in season, against those who would sell its distinctions and forfeit its true prosperity.

Among many of our people, we rejoice to know, there exists a deep sense of responsibility to Christ. Hence their new and augmented generosity. The contributions already made to our Connexional "Relief and Extension Fund," as well as other recent demonstrations of a willing mind and a liberal hand, call for our grateful acknowledgment. How easily might all the wants of the church be supplied by a fiat of her Lord! But His name would then be the less glorified, and the means of our moral discipline would be abridged. "Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name," for opportunities—such as heaven itself will not afford—of expressing our gratitude for Thy bounty. "But who are we," and what is our "people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee. For we are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding."

With praise to the "Lover of concord" we have to state, that our assembly has been blessed with His special presence. Often

have we felt how "dreadful"—yet delightfully "dreadful"—is "the house of God," "the gate of heaven." Our vows and prayers have gone up, to be presented by the Advocate whom the Father heareth always. Help us, dear brethren, to redeem every hour, and to publish the Friend of sinners to all whom our voices can reach. A few surviving Fathers appeal to us, as Paul from the deep dungeon in Rome addressed his beloved Timothy: "Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry; for I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." Many have already escaped to their rest. "The beauty of Israel," as well as its hoary age, has fallen "upon the high places." But, falling, our predecessors gained the victory "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." We hope to follow in their track, till we rejoin their jubilant spirits, and find our place, through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the "glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." Go on, dear companions "in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ:" we will meet you in the skies. Thus we speak with humble confidence, remembering that "the Lord is risen indeed;" and "knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall" as certainly "raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you." O joyful day, when Pastors shall be presented with their flocks before the throne above! Then Jesus will be "glorified in His saints," and "admired in all them that believe." "Wherefore," in the brief and troubled interval, "comfort one another with these words." A little while, and "Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field." A little longer, and the great future will burst on our disembodied spirits. Yet again, and "this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." Stand fast, therefore, in the Lord. Believe, labour, and suffer awhile, in the patience of hope; since we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN LOMAS, *President*,
JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary*..

Bradford, August 12th, 1853.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

AFTER another varied and eventful year, we again assemble in Conference. Our souls praise the Lord for the goodness by

which we have been preserved in life and health, for the grace by which we have been kept from falling into sin, and by which we have been sustained amid the wearisome toils and arduous duties of our hallowed vocation.

According to our long-established usage, and yielding to the strong impulse of Christian love and sincere gratitude, we present to you our Annual Address. Never at any former period did we prize more highly our close and inseparable connexion with British Methodism than at the present time; never were we prepared with greater cordiality to respond to those expressions of fraternal and Christian love, found in your excellent Address, which was read at an early stage of the proceedings of our Conference, and which was heard with that respectful attention to which it was entitled,—not only on account of the body whose sentiments it expressed, but also because of the valuable truths it contained, and the spirit of tender sympathy with which it was strongly imbued.

It is specially gratifying to us to learn that the violent storm of unhallowed agitation, which with desolating fury had swept over some portions of your spiritual vineyard, has been greatly abated. In these your trials we have most deeply sympathized; for in truth and sincerity we say, "Your sorrows are our sorrows, and your joys are our joys." We have always regarded it as a distinguished privilege, and an high honour, that we are one with you, not only in the bonds of Christian love, but by the special ties and strong attachment of Connexional union. Most gladly do we acknowledge the many practical proofs of such a relationship afforded us by you.

Our hearts have been deeply grieved as we have become acquainted with the unchristian spirit, and the unjustifiable and wicked means, by which this ungodly confederacy has been promoted and fostered. But we hope and fervently pray, that even these trials may, through the overruling providence of God, tend to the furtherance of the Gospel among you. The lukewarm and dissatisfied may have separated themselves from your communion; some, unhappily yielding to temptation, or misled by misrepresentation, may have strayed away from your pastoral care. But we rejoice to know that your true-hearted people have cleaved to your beloved cause with inviolable attachment in the evil day of trouble, rebuke, and blasphemy; and we believe that the close and searching investigation which the doctrine and discipline of Wesleyan Methodism have undergone, must have commended it to the cordial approbation of not a few enlightened and impartial inquirers. Thus those shocks of opposition have tended to develop more clearly the immovable scriptural foundation on which your admirable system of truth and godly order repose. You have nobly maintained, amid a great fight of

affliction, the scriptural character of your ministry, and the great principle of Connexional union. You have also manifested a disposition and a readiness, after calm and deliberate consideration, to allow such modifications and alterations as would not impair the efficiency of your noble and unrivalled constitution. We consider peace is to be prized only so far and so long as it is based upon, and identified with, Christian principle: otherwise it must be a deceitful calm, and cannot contain the elements of abiding tranquillity. Such a counterfeit peace would be dearly purchased by the sacrifice of principle, and by the traitorous surrender of the trust confided to you by the great Head of the church. We would now cherish the hope, and we breathe to Heaven the fervent prayer, that "God, the Author of peace and the Lover of concord," may vouchsafe to you uninterrupted peace, and days and years of glorious prosperity; and that on every part of your vast Connexion, the gracious Lord may "cause the shower to come down in its season," and that there may be "showers of blessing."

We rejoice to know that still there is a heart in Wesleyan Methodism which throbs with a healthful vitality. Seldom, we believe, were its pulsations more strong and vigorous in England than at the present time; of which we behold with admiration a clear demonstration in the generous spirit which has prompted your willing people to contribute with a noble liberality to your glorious cause.

When we review the past, we see that Methodism has outlived many storms. We thank God, that while its avowed enemies, and while some, at one time its professed lovers and friends, who ought with a most willing heart and ready hand, to have aided it in its righteous struggle for evangelical principle and order, have looked and longed for the hour when it would be forced to yield to its assailants, or sink in the waves of a fierce and stormy opposition; yet, sustained by the strength of Him "who stilleth the noise of the seas, the voice of their waves, and the tumult of the people," it has risen superior to adverse circumstances; has sailed in majestic triumph over the yielding wave; has pursued, and will pursue, its course of mercy and blessing to the world, till that glorious Christianity of which may it ever be a bright and beautiful exhibition, and which it is destined to bear to earth's remotest bounds, "like a sea of glory, shall spread from pole to pole," and earth and heaven unite in sweetest symphony, to ascribe glory and honour to God and the Lamb.

The important reference in your Address to spiritual religion struck a chord in our hearts to which we all responded. Spiritual prosperity we regard as the basis of all real prosperity in every department of our work. The gracious manifestations of the Divine power and presence in the conversion of sinners, and in

the baptisms of His grace on believers, we regard as our chief glory. In the past year, God did not forget to be gracious to us: on many of our Circuits He made bare His holy arm, and many sinners felt the salvation of God. We have confidence in our faithful Lord, that in the coming year He will greatly multiply the triumphs of His grace in every part of our land; for we rejoice to know that "His arm is not shortened that it cannot save, nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear." But our joy should be much greater, had those displays of His saving grace been more signal and abundant, as we should then be spared the painful feeling of being obliged to report a decrease of numbers this year also, which, though less than in past years, is to us cause of bitter sorrow of heart. But we would observe, that we do not regard mere statistics as furnishing an invariable and just criterion, by which to estimate the extent of the usefulness of Methodism in Ireland. Very frequently they are a false rule by which to measure the efficiency of effort in the service of the Redeemer; and when applied to our labourers in this land, they present a standard by no means correct; for vast is the amount of direct spiritual good which, through the blessing of God on Methodist agency, has been accomplished in the conversion of multitudes of immortal souls in this country, many of whom, in their native land, are walking with God in hallowed fellowship, and many more have been joined to the church above. But hundreds, not only of our spiritual children, but also of the regular attendants upon our ministry, each successive year leave the place of their nativity, and remove to distant lands, where many of them shine as lights, reflecting the glory of their Divine Saviour. In every quarter of the world, in almost every place where Methodism has an existence, some may be found who are indebted for their conversion to Methodism in Ireland. But incalculable is the amount of indirect good which has flowed from its successful labours: other churches around us have been excited to diligence and activity by the faithful and untiring efforts of the apostolic Wesley, and his zealous fellow-helpers and successors. Not a few in other communities, who are engaged in promoting the cause of Christ abroad or at home, owe to them their spiritual illumination. We would not undervalue, nor seek in any degree to depreciate, the success of those who, with ourselves, may be striving for the moral regeneration of our beloved country. We abhor the spirit of unhallowed rivalry; from our hearts we wish the blessing of the Most High to rest upon all who, by preaching Christ and Him crucified, seek the glory of our common Saviour. So Christ is preached faithfully and fully, so He sees of "the travail of His soul" in the recovery of lost men to the favour and image of God, we do rejoice, yea, and we will rejoice, by whatever instrumentality such a glorious achievement may be effected. We have always

discountenanced a spirit of sectarian jealousy, as altogether alien to the noble and catholic spirit of Christianity, and to the genius of Wesleyan Methodism. We are, however, grieved when it seems to be forgotten, that Protestantism and vital Christianity owe a heavy debt of gratitude to the self-denying and effective services of our Fathers, and those who have entered into their labours; which have greatly contributed to promote that extensive preparatory work which has been for some time in progress in Ireland, by which the fallow ground was broken up and prepared for the seed of the kingdom. In days of great spiritual darkness, when other churches manifested but little life, and no activity,—when nominal Protestants were lying in the deep slumbers of spiritual death,—there was no voice to disturb this fatal repose, but the thrilling and arousing accents of the self-sacrificing early Methodist Preachers, who went everywhere preaching that men should repent, and inviting weary and heavy-laden sinners to come to Christ, that they might find rest unto their souls. We are resolved to follow in their track, and to be “instant in season and out of season.” We purpose to be thoroughly Missionary in spirit and operation; like our Divine Saviour, moved with a yearning pity for perishing sinners, we will seek, in order that we may be instrumental in saving, lost sinners; and we are ready to go in search of the sheep for whom the Shepherd died, that they may be gathered into His fold. With one accord we look for a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit, that on every occasion when we preach the Gospel of the grace of God, the gracious unction of the Holy Spirit may make it the savour of life unto life to our hearers. We earnestly hope and fervently pray, that in all our Circuits we may be favoured this coming year with a continued and constant revival of religion. It has been our study, and shall continue to be our aim, to extend the influence of vital Christianity in its beautiful simplicity and Divine power: ever be it ours to feel the pangs of a holy travail, till Christ be formed in the hearts of all who attend our ministry. The reception of the truth by the understanding we regard as chiefly valuable in preparing for, and in issuing in, the thorough renewal of our nature by the incorruptible seed of the word which liveth and abideth for ever. Light in the understanding we consider as but of little avail, unless accompanied by the dawning of a spiritual light, by the rising of the Day-star in the heart.

We firmly believe that Methodism is as much needed in Ireland now as ever it was. Its glorious mission is far from being completed here; and we confidently hope that it is destined to achieve greater victories than it has ever yet won. Its spirit is not narrow and contracted, but is eminently expansive and catholic. It condemns the religion of mere form and ceremony; but preaches “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” It insists upon holiness of

heart and life, which seems to us the most effectual way of counter-acting the baneful effects of Popery, and of spreading scriptural holiness throughout the land.

We long for the hour when vital Christianity shall pervade our beloved country, when the love of Christ, the grand principle of all true morality, shall animate the hearts of its inhabitants: then will the smile of benignant Heaven rest upon our land, then will it "yield its increase," then will there be no leading away into captivity, and "no complaining in our streets;" violence shall no more be heard in our land, nor wasting or destruction within its borders; but plenty will mantle the valleys of Ireland, the sweet music of praise will be heard on its mountains; "joy and gladness will be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody." Then Ireland, being thoroughly evangelized by the pure Gospel of Christ, will be thoroughly civilized; for of true scriptural Christianity it may be said, not in fiction, but in reality, not only morally, but even literally, wherever its influence is felt, wherever its spirit is breathed in its living freshness, "The wilderness and the solitary place are glad, and the desert rejoices and blossoms as the rose."

It is gratifying to us to know that your contemplated ecclesiastical arrangements, with respect to France, have been carried out, and have issued in beneficial results; and that in that interesting country, where evangelical truth is so much needed, Methodism is manifesting unwonted energy, is exerting itself with renewed activity, and that in some of the Circuits the Holy Spirit has been poured out.

We view your Westminster Institution with feelings of satisfaction. It cannot but prove an incalculable blessing to the nation at large, by the principles of loyalty, true morality, and genuine piety inculcated there; and it must be a powerful auxiliary in raising up intelligent and well-instructed members for your Societies. We entertain high expectations of its efficiency, placed as it is under the superintendency of the eminent Minister who possesses admirable qualifications for such an office.

We heard with much pleasure that you were able to embrace the opening into China which seems so remarkably providential: we view with great interest the progress of truth in that land of deep spiritual darkness; and we anticipate much good from the labours of your Missionaries in that interesting country, consisting of a population so vast, all speaking the same language, subject to the same government, and bound together by strong natural ties and prejudices.

One of our beloved Brethren in the past year exchanged time for a glorious eternity. With his last accents he bore testimony to the divinity of that religion which he preached in life, and the power of which sustained him in death. Three, obliged to

yield to infirmities and disease, have retired from the full duties of the ministry. May we all, with our loins girded and our lamps burning, be ever ready to obey the call of our Divine Master!

Three young men, who had passed with acceptance the period of their probation, after the usual examinations, were solemnly consecrated to the work and office of the Christian ministry; and four, recommended by their respective District-Meetings, were received on trial. Our earnest prayer for these Brethren is, that they may be burning and shining lights, diffusing not only the light, but also the genial warmth, of scriptural Christianity.

We most cordially welcomed among us your highly-esteemed President, the Rev. John Scott, and also his beloved companions, the Ex-President, and the Rev. Dr. Beecham. The deep interest these honoured Brethren took in all our affairs, the judicious counsels which they afforded us, and their truly evangelical and profitable public ministrations, have endeared them more closely still to our hearts; and their appointment to attend our Conference has added to the many obligations under which we feel ourselves placed to you by your varied and long-continued acts of kindness. Long may those distinguished Ministers of Christ be pillars in the house of our God upon earth; long may they be illustrious supporters of His cause and interests; and then, when removed from this world, may they be pillars in the glorious temple above to go out no more for ever!

But with our joy sorrow is mingled. We greatly mourn the absence of Dr. Newton, who, for several years, was wont to attend our Conference. We hailed his presence among us as a prince and a great man in our Israel. His revered name will long be embalmed in our most grateful recollections, and will be enshrined in our holiest thoughts and feelings. We would cherish the hope, that at our next Conference we shall be privileged with a visit from him. May he, now in his comparative retirement, be cheered and sustained by the presence and abounding consolations of that Master whose he is, and whom he has so long and so faithfully served!

We were most agreeably surprised by the unexpected visit of our beloved and gifted countryman, the Rev. William Arthur, A.M. Long may his valuable life be spared, and may he be a great and lasting benefit to the church and the world!

Your Missionary Deputation,—consisting of the Rev. John Thomas, 1st, and the Rev. William L. Thornton, A.M., for the North; and the Rev. Henry Davies, and the Rev. Richard Haddy, who came as a substitute for the Rev. Alfred Barrett, for the South; and the Rev. John Bedford for the West,—we are happy to state, rendered the important cause they were appointed to advocate, effective service.

When we look at the magnificence of your operations in the

Educational department, we lament the comparative feebleness of our efforts; yet we would indulge the hope, that the schools already established will prove valuable nurseries in training many who, in our section of the church, will prove a seed to serve the Lord, a generation, when the present one shall have passed off the stage of time, to rise and call the Saviour blessed. We gladly bear our testimony to the fidelity of the Rev. Samuel Young, in discharging the arduous duties devolving upon him, as the General Superintendent of our Missions and Schools, and have unanimously requested his appointment another year.

We have suspended, for the present, the appointment of a General Missionary, as the establishment of two important Missions, which were urgently demanded, did not allow us resources to continue his valuable labours; but we have appointed District visitations, which we expect, being efficiently conducted, will be productive of much spiritual good to our Circuits and Mission-stations. We cannot, however, conclude this portion of our Address, without bearing our grateful testimony to the faithful and successful exertions of the Rev. William G. Campbell, our General Missionary for the last two years.

We are now, beloved Fathers and Brethren, about to retire from a Conference in which important measures have been carried, in which a spirit of harmony and brotherly love has prevailed. We retire to our respective scenes of hallowed toil, with strong confidence in the ultimate success of our cause in this land. We know that a fire has been kindled in Ireland, by the labours of the venerable Wesley, which can never be extinguished by any earthly or infernal power. If a determined opposition could have quenched it, its last spark, long ere this, would have been extinguished; but still it diffuses its light and hallowed heat, which we are persuaded it will continue to do, till the island flame with the glory of God. A door has been opened to us in Ireland which earth and hell may strive to shut, but strive in vain. In each other we have the strongest confidence. We are convinced that there is not one among us whose heart does not beat with warmest attachment to our common cause; for we are firmly persuaded, that there is not a system on the face of the earth, so well adapted to carry out efficiently the purposes of redeeming love to a lost world, nor any affording, on a like scale, equal opportunities of receiving and doing good. At this Conference one hallowed determination pervaded all our hearts, that together we would live and die in preaching the doctrines, in maintaining the discipline, in effecting the grand design of Methodism, by promoting the Divine glory in the salvation of sinners.

We have unwavering confidence in the Gospel which we preach. We know it to be "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." We are convinced that it can vanquish the most

rooted opposition of the human heart ; that it can break the chains of moral and spiritual slavery, by which the most degraded slave of superstition and vice may be fettered, and make them free indeed ; and that it will yet eventually subdue the world to the sway of our gracious Saviour. We expect bright and glorious days of religious light and power in Ireland.

We have appointed as our Representatives to your Conference our beloved Brethren, the Rev. Thomas Waugh, the Rev. Robert Masaroon, and the Rev. William P. Appelbe, LL.D., in whom we have full confidence, and who are intimately acquainted with our affairs.

We now give ourselves anew to God and to His service. We resolve to continue instant in prayer, assured that, to prevail with men in public, we must have power with God in private devotion. We look up to our gracious Lord for a large measure of His constraining love, and a richer baptism of the Holy Spirit ; for we know no eloquence so touching and thrilling as that which flows from a heart filled with love to Christ, and no oratory so persuasive and effectual as that which proceeds from lips touched with a live coal from heaven's altar. Anew we consecrate our all to the glory of that Saviour who died for us and rose again. And, as if with one heart, we individually unite in hallowed determination and solemn dedication, and would say,

" I would the precious time redeem,
And longer live for this alone,
To spend and to be spent for them
Who have not yet the Saviour known ;
Fully on these my mission prove,
And only breathe, to breathe Thy love."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Secretary.*

Cork, June 29th, 1853.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

YOUR Annual Address, which is always deeply interesting to this Conference, was never more welcome, or heard with greater respect and sympathy, than now. We rejoice to hear from you that your attachment to us has suffered no diminution. We would fain have given fuller proof than we have done of love and respect toward our Irish Brethren ; but it tends in no small degree to strengthen our hands to learn, that nothing has transpired on our part to damage that holy unity which God gave us at first, and which we have both learned from so many lessons to cherish.

Next to the approbation of our Divine Lord and Master, nothing gives us greater comfort than to have that of a body of eminently faithful and tried men.

It may fairly be presumed that, as you are away from our scene of action, you will take a dispassionate view of our whole course of procedure; and your assurances are on that account the more valuable. In many respects our sorrows and anxieties are the same as yours; but in many others they are different, excepting in so far as your sympathy may make them the same: but our relief must be found in communion with our One adorable Head, and in trusting that, after a partnership in toil, we may be permitted to share a common "partnership in light."

We do not deem it necessary to advert at any great length to your kind allusion to our special troubles of the last few years. We cherish no feeling toward those who spread calumny and distraction, beyond that of a sorrowful and strong disapprobation, mingled with compassion; and toward those who have been beguiled from us by perverting influences, the affection of pity is prevalent over every other. We never had a misgiving as to the scriptural character of those principles which we felt bound to defend; we were never more assured of their essential harmony with the Word of God than at present; and we think we can see signs of God's answering for Himself, putting His seal of approbation, by providential acts, upon them. Many of our Brethren have suffered much, and still may suffer, from the results of what has passed over us; but we desire to take our past chastening as from the Lord, and to lose every resentful feeling in thankfulness to Him who has so far conducted us through the day of fiery heat and trial.

We desire to confirm you in the acknowledgment, and never to forget that our one great duty is henceforth to maintain the integrity of our common Christianity, and leave all consequences with God; being assured that if we take care of His truth, He will take care of the establishment and extension of His kingdom; apart from which object, we humbly believe, we have no personal or public interests to serve. In pursuance of this duty, beloved Brethren, we invite you to join us in a fresh consecration of ourselves to God; in a serious and Pastor-like demeanour among the people; in an earnest promotion, by precept and example, of household godliness; in a careful oversight of children and youth, both in families and schools; in a warm commendation of Class-Meeting fellowship; in continued exhortation to social prayer; and, most of all, in devoting yourselves to a well-studied and more powerful preaching of the Gospel which is "the whole counsel of God," and in connexion with which service, chiefly, the unction and demonstration of the Spirit are promised. If God strengthen us with this strength, then all the ends of church-order will be

answered; and, in particular, scriptural holiness will be promoted both in your country and our own. Like you, we have to mourn over a diminution of numbers, which we would ever regard as an evil. The evil, however, is modified in the present instance by the consideration that the emigrant members, whose departure from you lowers your statistics, go to spread Protestant Christianity in other lands; and that the persons whose secession reduces our own, leave behind them a faithful and united aggregate, upon whose support and help we can fully calculate for the future. Our earnest hope is, that days are approaching when the waste places of Zion shall be restored, and when we shall rejoice even in numerical increase.

We devoutly thank God, that, although our efforts to promote the conversion of sinners have been too often counteracted by the spirit of strife, and by the apathy which necessarily follows, yours have been rewarded by a rich harvest of souls. Blessed be God for thus putting His seal upon your labours! May you rejoice in similar results yet more and more! This is better than public approbation, or a smooth course, or rich revenues. O, may this end of ministerial toil be before our eyes continually!

We can most truly bear our testimony to the unsectarian and generous spirit with which you have regarded other evangelical bodies which labour in the field of your beloved country. We know it has been your joy to hear that Christ is preached, however distant in ecclesiastical position you might have been from the Preacher; and we have shared in your grief and disappointment, when the self-denying and onerous toils of your Fathers and Brethren in the promotion of Protestant Christianity have been treated with a sinister regard, or passed by in utter oblivion. But we entreat you to go on in the same noble and disinterested course: your record is on high; God is with you; and though you may have still to struggle with difficulty, you will do well to remember that by such struggles all great works in all ages have been accomplished. However we rejoice in the preparatory work of instruction to which you allude, as having been some years in progress, and however we appreciate those providential circumstances which are bringing the true character of Bible Protestantism before the people of your country; we are sure that none of these things, nor all of them, can avail without something more, for the attainment of the great end of the Gospel, which is the conversion of men from sin to God; and therefore Methodism, your Methodism and ours,—a religion of conversion, of holiness, and of walking with God,—is no less necessary than it was at first. The great foe of such a religion—that system which has been so long the blight of your country—is political, ambitious, anti-Christian, and Bible-hating as ever; but still we beseech you, beloved Brethren, to go steadily forward in your own way. Sow by the side of all

waters, though it be in tears; and you shall reap in joy. Prayer, patience, and toil, though they be long exercised and tried, shall be crowned at last. The present success of Romish tactics in respect of the Queen's Colleges and National Education, are continued proof that concessions to Popery only stimulate its insatiable appetite; and while this is monitory in the highest degree to our rulers, we would take it as an additional call to furnish a more powerful antagonism in the service of our Great Master, by instruction, prayer, and preaching among the thousands of the people.

Our friend, the Rev. Thomas Waugh, we again receive with undiminished confidence and love. We also receive with hearty affection the Rev. Robert Masaroon, and the Rev. Dr. Appelbe, his honoured colleagues, and rejoice in their talents and virtues. We have appointed, to attend your next Conference, our highly-esteemed President, the Rev. John Lomas, together with the Rev. John Scott, the Ex-President, the Rev. John Farrar, the Secretary, the Rev. Robert Newton, D.D., and the Rev. John Beecham, D.D.

And in our plan of Missionary Deputations, we have made the following arrangements for Ireland:—For the North, the Rev. George B. Macdonald, and the Rev. Willson Brailsford; for the South, the Rev. Alfred Barrett, and the Rev. John H. James; for the West, the Rev. Edward Nye.

One special proof of your fraternal regard has this year deeply affected us,—your noble contribution towards the relief of our financial embarrassments, conveyed to us by Mr. Waugh. That amidst all the claims which are made upon you in your peculiar sphere of labour, you should have been disposed to contribute no less a sum than One Thousand Pounds towards the supply of our present wants, is matter of surprise and thankfulness. We acknowledge the gift with gratitude, and take it as a token for good, and a confirmation of our long-continued union. We rejoice in the harmony of your late Conference: ours has been no less harmonious. Never were we more consciously of one heart and soul. Considerable deficiencies had arisen in our Funds, which, if continued, would have led to great embarrassment; and though the liabilities on Chapel-Trusts do still seriously press, our people throughout the land are most generously coming forward to sustain and swell the "Relief and Extension Fund" which was projected by a General Committee in the month of April last. It was then proposed to raise One Hundred Thousand Pounds. Through the good hand of God upon us, more than two-thirds of that amount has been already subscribed, and we have very good hope that the whole sum will be realized. In addition to the spirit of liberality, we are longing and trusting to witness more of the spirit of hearing and of prayer, of confidence and of revival. We

are pierced with a conviction of our extreme need of a baptism of heart-renewing love, of holy fire, of earnest and serious godliness. We long to see our flocks revisited with power from on high, and already in many places think we see the earnest. Like you, we separate from our annual assembly with chastened yet with cheerful confidence, to enter afresh upon our momentous work. O that, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you and we may receive the crown of life that fadeth not away!

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING,
JONATHAN CROWTHER, } *Sub-Secretaries.*
WILLIAM BARTON,

Bradford, August 12th, 1853.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE, TO THE CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

WE thankfully acknowledge the receipt of your affectionate Address; and while we learn with unaffected pain the "fiery trials" to which you were still exposed from perverse and unreasonable men, we rejoice to learn that, in the midst of such assaults and sufferings, you are not only enabled to endure patiently, but are encouraged to put forth renewed efforts to maintain and promote the work at home, and enlarge the sphere of your Missionary operations to the vast empire of China. We do most sincerely sympathize with you in your affliction and in your triumphs. Of the happy results of your sufferings, we have no doubt; and from your new, as well as from your old, fields of Missionary labour, we anticipate abundant fruit. Our scriptural Methodism in the furnace of affliction will not emit a less golden lustre, than in the field of action it produces a golden harvest. "The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

In our beloved Western Canada, we are favoured with undisturbed tranquillity and unprecedented prosperity. We have an unparalleled increase in our Missionary and all our Connexional Funds, and an addition of nearly Three Thousand, or about one-twelfth, to the membership of our Church. In no former year of our existence as a body, do we think the spirit of revival and holiness has so generally prevailed throughout our Ministry, Societies, and Congregations, as during the past year. To the God whom

we serve, and who "causeth us to triumph in every place," be everlasting praise!

We never felt more deeply than at present the force of the exclamation, "The harvest truly is great, and the labourers are few!" Openings and calls for more labourers meet us on every side; and though several promising young men are rising up among us from year to year, they are altogether insufficient to supply the demands which are made upon us. We fervently pray the great Head of the church to anoint and thrust out gifted young men into this glorious work. You will learn, through other channels of communication, and we are sure it will afford you pleasure, that our beloved Brethren of the Wesleyan District in Eastern Canada have sent a Deputation to us, proposing to become incorporated with their Brethren in Western Canada, under the same discipline and Conference. To their proposals for this consolidation of our Wesleyan Societies and work in United Canada, we have cordially and unanimously responded; and, with your concurrence and assistance, we believe this arrangement will be eminently instrumental in strengthening and extending the work in both provinces of Canada.

Another year's observation and experience of the piety, counsels, and indefatigable labours of the Rev. Enoch Wood, as President and Superintendent of Missions, only enhance the value of his labours in our estimation, and increase our appreciation of him as a Brother, a friend, and a distinguished Minister of Jesus Christ. We witness with peculiar and grateful pleasure the safe return from you, and appearance among us, of our old and valued friend and Brother, the Rev. John Ryerson. We thank you for your attention to him, and the benevolent and efficient manner in which you aided him in the objects of his mission, and proposed to assist in his contemplated tour of inspection and inquiry to the Hudson's-Bay Territory. But his experience and counsels amongst us at the present time we deemed essentially necessary; and his Brethren and colleagues have been unwilling, and have considered it unsafe, that he should, at his age, incur the exposures and dangers of a tour of several thousand miles through our Western and Northern lakes and rivers, chiefly in Indian canoes, and without the shelters and conveniences of civilized life.

With a view to the best interests of our Church in Canada, we earnestly and unanimously request the re-appointment of our honoured Brethren, the Rev. Enoch Wood and the Rev. John Ryerson, to the offices which they have so faithfully filled during several years past.

The present session of our Conference has been a most harmonious and delightful one. On the gravest questions which have engaged our attention, our conclusions have been unanimous. We are endeavouring to mature and establish all the institutions and

interests of our Church upon broad, deep, and permanent foundations. Our people contribute with an increased and noble liberality, according to their circumstances, to the Divine work of Missions, to the erection of an unprecedentedly large number of noble places of worship, to the support of their Ministers, and the several Connexional Funds. The number of Students in our College during the past year has exceeded One Hundred—a larger number than ever before attended; and we are commencing an attempt to raise means to establish a Theological department in connexion with that institution, and to assist young men duly recommended for our ministry to receive the advantage of a more thorough training for their great and holy work. As education and knowledge are rapidly and widely advancing in our country, our ministry should keep pace with, and, if possible, keep in advance of, the intellectual progress of society.

But whilst we deem it our duty as practical men to employ every prudent exertion and means to promote the great objects of Christian organization; we feel, nevertheless, that the Samson-lock of our strength, and the vital spring of our prosperity, lie in the depth of our humiliation before God—in the entireness of our consecration to Him—in the fulness and constancy of our communion with Him—in the rich anointing of our souls by the Holy Spirit, and His copious outpourings upon our labours. Feeling the mournful tendency of communities, as well as individuals, even under the best organizations and in the most favourable circumstances, to relax in watchfulness, fidelity, and devotion, we bow ourselves anew in contrition and consecration before the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we renew our covenant-engagements to the hallowed work of edifying the many churches, and cultivating the wide-spread field, that He hath assigned us; we join with you in our renewed purposes of maintaining and giving all the efficiency in our power to those divinely-owned agencies which constitute our common Methodism; and, while we unite our humble supplications with yours for your returning unity and prosperity, we entreat the continued aid of your prayers for our individual sanctity and Connexional success.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada,

W. JEFFERS, *Secretary.*

Hamilton, U. C., June 10th, 1853.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE
ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-
METHODIST CHURCH IN WESTERN CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

IT afforded us the highest satisfaction and joy to learn from the Address of your late Conference, that during the past year God has so graciously favoured you with His presence and blessing; that the word of the Lord has grown mightily and prevailed amongst you; that the hearts of the disobedient have been turned to the wisdom of the just, and that hundreds and thousands have been added to your Church such as are saved.

In addition to the affecting considerations which arise out of our fraternal union with you, the fact that your rising country is becoming the home of vast multitudes from Great Britain and Ireland, amongst whom are not a few of our own spiritual children, invests it with peculiar interest, and excites in our hearts a deep and abiding solicitude for continued peace and prosperity. It is therefore to us a cause of unspeakable pleasure to learn from year to year that the evangelical doctrines, the wholesome discipline, and the catholic spirit of Wesleyan Methodism are so vigorously maintained amongst you, and that their powerful and benign influences are pervading the cities, towns, and villages of your great Colony, and are giving strength, beauty, and glory to its civil and religious institutions.

Before you, beloved Brethren, a vast and rapidly-expanding field of ministerial labour presents itself; in your hands is deposited the incorruptible seed of the kingdom of God; upon you devolves a fearful responsibility; to you, we trust, will be given increasingly the spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind. Continue to unite fervent prayer with zealous effort, and the God of your fathers will still be with you. "Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

We highly appreciate your sympathy with us in our recent heavy trials: we are thankful to you for your fervent prayers, that the waste places of our Zion may be comforted, and that we may be speedily favoured by a copious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and by times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. In the maintenance of truth, order, and peace, we have had to endure a great fight of afflictions: we have been troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted,

but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed:—and although we have to mourn over the loss of very many from our church-communion, yet we have good cause to believe that our beloved people in general are now more than ever acquainted with and attached to our doctrines and discipline, more closely than ever united to each other and to Christ our living Head, and more than ever determined to co-operate with us in our efforts to accomplish the great work to which we are called,—viz., to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world.

You will be gratified to learn that a noble and vigorous effort is being made through the length and breadth of our land, and by all classes of our community, to relieve our Connexional institutions from present pecuniary embarrassment, and to place them in such a position as will render their operations more harmonious in future. The numerous meetings which have been held for these purposes have been distinguished by a unity, zeal, and liberality of the most delightful character, and have furnished ample proof that our beloved people regard Wesleyan Methodism as a great work of God, that they cherish a deep and abiding sense of gratitude for the benefits which they and their families have derived from it, and that they are still determined to love it, not in word only, but in deed and in truth.

We feel ourselves to be loudly called upon by the state of our country and by the state and wants of our vast empire, to employ every talent and improve every opportunity for the purpose of spreading the leaven of evangelical truth amongst the masses of our fellow-subjects. The elements and agents of moral evil are numerous, are actively at work around us, and are attempting to destroy the very foundations of social order, stability, and peace. Infidelity, Popery, Puseyism, and various forms of refined and gross sensuality, are deluding, enslaving, and destroying the souls of thousands for whom Christ died; and we feel it to be our solemn duty as Christian Ministers to declare with increasing plainness, earnestness, and fidelity, the whole counsel of God.

We intend, the Lord being our helper, to labour in a spirit of humble dependence upon Him; to look constantly for His promised blessing; knowing that while we do this, He will be with us, and that He will make the weapons of our warfare mighty to the pulling down of strong holds.

Our present Conference has been a most united and happy one. The greatest unanimity has prevailed in all our deliberations; our public religious services have been attended by great multitudes of devout and earnest worshippers; the word of the Lord has been preached with great power; the Divine presence and blessing have been sensibly realized; and we go forth to our respective spheres of labour and suffering, determined to spend and be spent in our great Master's cause.

We rejoice to hear of the continued acceptability and usefulness of our highly-esteemed Brethren, the Rev. Enoch Wood, and the Rev. John Ryerson, and have re-appointed them to their respective offices, as President of the Conference and Co-Delegate, for the ensuing year.

We have heard with great satisfaction of the desire which exists on the part of the Ministers and members of our churches in the Eastern Canada District to be incorporated with the Western Canada Conference. We believe that the consummation of this purpose will greatly increase the stability and usefulness of Wesleyan Methodism in your country: we cordially approve of the steps you have already taken with reference to this matter; and we have great pleasure in assuring you that all suitable means will be employed by us to complete this most desirable arrangement as speedily as possible.

And now, the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. Amen.

Signed for and on behalf of the Wesleyan-Methodist Conference, held in Bradford, Yorkshire, August 12th, 1853,

JOHN LOMAS, *President*,
JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary*.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF AMERICA TO THE BRITISH
CONFERENCE.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

It has caused us deep regret that we have received no communication from your venerable body in reply to our letter transmitted through Dr. Dixon, who, four years since, so ably and acceptably performed the duty of a Representative from your Conference to ours. But, as we cannot believe that your failure to write to us arose from any diminution of fraternal regard on your part, and must attribute it only to accident, we cannot allow the opportunity afforded by our assembly in General Conference to pass without renewing to you our assurances of Christian affection and brotherly sympathy. We rejoice to believe, and we account it one of the distinguishing marks of the Divine favour, that Methodists throughout the world are one in heart and feeling; and we wish especially to cherish and preserve the most intimate relations with your body, and with the Wesleyan Methodists of the British empire whom you represent. We greet you, then, again, in the name of our common Lord, as Brethren beloved.

The want of a letter from you has been, to some extent, supplied by the visit of the Rev. Anson Green, Delegate from the Canada Conference of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church, whose

ample and lucid statements of the affairs of the Connexion in Canada have been received by our body with lively satisfaction. Mr. Green also gave us some informal statements with regard to your Conference and Church, and assured us that your affection for us remains unabated.

It is with unfeigned gratitude to the great Head of the church that we have to report to you continued growth and prosperity within our borders. The last four years of our history have been signally marked with the Divine favour. The "Lord hath been our stay; He hath brought us forth also into a large place." His "wonderful works which He hath done unto us cannot be reckoned up in order: if we could declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." There are, however, a few points of special interest to which we can briefly and thankfully advert. You will, rejoice to learn that the peace of our Church has been unbroken for the last four years, and that the labours of our ministry have been abundantly honoured with the Divine blessing. The increase in our membership during the period named has been 90,246; and that increase has been progressive, as follows,—in the first year, about 7,000; in the second year, about 23,000; in the third year, 27,000; and in the fourth year, about 32,000. We are happy to say, also, that we believe that, throughout the Church, there has been a growth in spiritual life and Christian zeal; and, especially in many quarters, there has been awakened a new interest in the doctrine and practice of Christian holiness.

Our enterprises of Christian benevolence have also been more amply and generously sustained by our people, during the last four years, than ever before. There has been a progressive advance in our Missionary contributions, far more than proportionate to the growth in our numbers: the amount raised in 1848-49 being about 87,000 dollars; in 1849-50, about 105,000 dollars; in 1850-51, about 133,000 dollars; and in 1851-52, about 155,000 dollars. And our Committee has anticipated a further growth of Missionary zeal among our people, by appropriating 200,000 dollars for the outlays of the next year.

In the Sunday-School department we have a similarly gratifying prosperity to record. We have now enrolled 93,561 officers and teachers of Sunday-Schools; 473,311 scholars; and 1,260,558 volumes in Sunday-School libraries. In the circulation of religious books and periodicals there has also been a marked improvement; and, with our large means for preparing and circulating a wholesome literature throughout our country, we hope for still greater results in the future.

Our home-work is extending with unparalleled rapidity over this continent. On our western or Pacific coast a vast empire has been opened to our labours; and we have endeavoured, as far as our means would allow, to enter into it, and cultivate it. Two

Conferences have been formed,—the Oregon Conference and the California Conference; and we have already, within the bounds of those Conferences, nearly 60 Ministers in active service. We have, also, just directed the establishment of a Book-Room, and of a weekly religious journal, in San Francisco.

We take great pleasure in calling your attention to the success which has attended our work among the German population of our country. We have now nearly 150 Ministers, and 10,000 members among them, many of whom are converts from Romanism. Some of the Ministers converted here have been sent back to their father-land as Missionaries; and we have great encouragement in the present state and prospects of our work there.

Within the last year our senior Bishop, the Rev. Elijah Hedding, D.D., has been removed by death. He closed a long life of devoted and acceptable service to the Church by a happy and triumphant death. His name is held among us as a synonyme for all that is pure in virtue, lofty in intellect, and complete in Christian character and life. At the present session of our Conference our Episcopal Board has been strengthened by the election of four Brethren, high in the esteem and confidence of the Church, the Rev. Drs. Levi Scott and Matthew Simpson, and Rev. O. C. Baker and E. R. Ames.

We have heard informally, with great regret, of the agitations that have existed in your body for some years past, and sympathize fully with you. We rejoice in the confident belief that Methodism in England is so strongly rooted in the affections of the people, and, what is more, so surely protected by Divine Providence, that it will only flourish the more after these storms are over. We have no doubt that in this, as in all things, you “commit your ways unto the Lord, and trust also in Him;” and, therefore, we are assured that “He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday.”

May the Lord who “loveth judgment” uphold you in your integrity, and set you before His face for ever!

We are, dear Brethren, in behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,—

(Signed,)

BEVERLY WAUGH,
THOMAS A. MORRIS,
EDMUND S. JANES,
LEVI SCOTT,
MATTHEW SIMPSON,
OSMON C. BAKER,
EDWARD R. AMES,

Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOSEPH M. TRIMBLE,
Secretary of the Conference.

Boston, May 29th, 1852.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE
ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

REVEREND AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

YOUR Address, dated May 29th, 1852, has been received by us at this our Annual Assembly with the most grateful satisfaction. We regard it as a special testimony of that unfeigned brotherly love which you maintain towards us, and which you have not suffered distance of place, interrupted intercourse, or any other occasion, to destroy or abate. Permit us to assure you, in return, of our sincere and undiminished affection for you, and of our joy in all that relates to your prosperity. May "the LORD God of your fathers" and ours continue to protect and guide you in all your ways; and, large as are the numbers already gathered around you by the agency of His grace, may He "make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as He hath promised you!"

The declaration of your ready love is heightened by the consideration that, at the time when it was penned, you were not in the possession of any letter from us in reply to your acceptable Address by the Rev. Dr. Dixon, and that you could scarcely fail to construe our apparent silence into some measure, at least, of blameworthy forgetfulness and indifference. Yet it was not so. The Address which you conveyed by our honoured Representative was duly placed in our hands, and read in our Conference. It was heard with feelings of the truest esteem and attachment. An Answer to it was prepared, and, as far as we can ascertain, regularly despatched. You may find a copy of that Answer, following your own Address, in our printed Minutes for the year 1849. By what means it failed to reach its proper destination, we are, at this time, unable to discover. Will you please to accept of this as an explanation of what could not but awaken your surprise.—Our desire is to cultivate intimate Christian relations with our beloved Brethren in the Western hemisphere, as well as in all other parts; and to your own sentiment we heartily respond,—that "Methodists throughout the world are one."

We have listened to the intelligence which you communicate concerning the state of the work of God among you, with fervent emotions of gratitude to Him from whom all our good proceeds. The untroubled peace which "the Lord of peace Himself" has given you for so long a space of time; the abundant success which you have enjoyed, and which severally appears in the increase of your numbers, accompanied with so observable a growth in spiritual

life and blessing,—in the enlarged liberality of your people, as displayed especially in their contributions to the support of your great Missionary agencies,—in the multiplied instrumentalities of your Sunday-School and other kindred or accompanying institutions,—in the extension of your labours to populous lands, not until lately visited with heavenly light,—and in the fruit of souls which you have gathered among the German population interspersed through the United States;—these, and all other things of a like kind to which your Address refers, cheer our spirits, and raise our hopes. During the time that such recitals were laid before us, many felt, and some expressed, the peculiar fitness and significance of Solomon's language: "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Our prayers are offered that He who has so graciously visited you, may guard and maintain His own cause, and may so plentifully pour out His Holy Spirit on the widely-spread regions in which you dwell, that "the wilderness and the solitary place may be glad," that "the desert may rejoice, and blossom as the rose,"—that it may "blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing,"—that "the wilderness," in a word, may be "a fruitful field," and that the "field" already made "fruitful" by the LORD's bounty and blessing, may, amidst the richer effusions of heavenly grace, be "counted for a forest."

For several years we have been exercised by manifold trials and adversities, and have had to mourn over the removal of many from us who, we once hoped, would have been "our rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus." But we trust that, in these painful and unexpected circumstances, we have endeavoured to "submit ourselves unto God," to repose all our trust in His power and love, to fall back, with entire unreserve, on the principles of our fathers, to seek for a more copious baptism of the Spirit of Christ, to prosecute our proper work in charity and peace,—and to wait. We are humbly resolved, in dependence upon God, to preserve inviolate the system of doctrine and discipline which has been confided to us, "by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report, as deceivers and yet true;" and we are looking for days of more abundant good. Signs of hope have not been withheld from us, even in our most discouraging circumstances; and these signs are now multiplied. Never did we, as a body of Christian Ministers, enjoy a larger measure of mutual harmony and love. We feel that we are one. Tokens of reviving appear in many parts of the work in our own country; and the intelligence which has been communicated to us during our present sittings of the prosperity of religion in France, which now has its own separate Conference, and in other lands abroad, has greatly cheered us. The Missionary province of our labours has always presented to us scenes of peace and growing fruitfulness; and it now, more

than ever, invites the hopes and efforts of our evangelical zeal. To all this we would gratefully add that the spirit of a more than ordinary liberality has descended on our people; and that improved facilities are likely soon to be supplied for the removal of pecuniary difficulties, and the further extension of our labours.

It is our earnest purpose, as we are assured that it is also yours, to keep in view the great design of Methodism amidst all our plans and movements,—not to entangle ourselves with the parties and affairs of this life, but to please Him who hath called us to be soldiers in His army, and to war a good warfare for Him. To promote experimental and practical Christianity in the earth, and, in pursuance of this object, to use “the weapons of our warfare” which “are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds,”—this is our great concern. Let us still agree to follow the steps of our honoured predecessors, to imbibe a larger portion of their spirit, and to rejoice in the prerogative that we are permitted to “enter into their labours.” The time of active exertion hastens to a close. “Our fathers, where are they?” Many dear and honoured men among us, like your own excellent Bishop Hedding, have passed to their rest; but they have bequeathed to us an example worthy of all imitation. May we follow them, as they also followed Christ; and may our “end,” like theirs, be “peace.”

Our Conference of this year, now swiftly drawing to a conclusion, has been one of great unanimity and peace; and its public religious services have been marked by more than usual manifestations of truth and grace. We shall soon proceed to our several spheres of labour, in the cheerful expectation that “the Lord will be with us;” and we trust that the coming year will be a year of blessing. “Return, O Lord, how long? Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.”

With our affectionate wishes and prayers for your continual and abounding prosperity,

We are, Rev. and very dear Brethren,

Yours, in the bonds of Christian peace and love,

JOHN LOMAS, *President*,
JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary*.

Bradford, August 10th, 1853.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST CHURCH IN FRANCE, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE, TO THE CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

(TRANSLATION.)

DEARLY BELOVED AND MUCH RESPECTED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

It is not without the most lively emotion that we take up the pen to address a few lines to you on the solemn occasion which has brought us together at this time.

By the grace and providence of God, we inaugurate to-day a new epoch of the history of Methodism in France. After God, it is to you, to the trust you have been willing to repose in us, and to your liberalities, that we owe the privilege of being placed in a position in which we hope, gradually and eventually, to be able to provide for the numerous wants of French Methodism.

We accept the conditions on which the Conference at Sheffield decided the question of our self-government. Our President has, nevertheless, been charged by us to communicate one or two requests, which we beg you to take into consideration.

We feel that we are quite unworthy of the honour done us by our new position, and can scarcely consider the obligations it imposes without trembling. Who, in fact, among us is sufficient for these things? We would not close our eyes to the truth: the difficulties of our position present themselves on every hand. We meet them in the miserable condition of our country, in the hindrances presented to our religious liberties, in the unbounded necessities of the work of God, which we are by no means able to supply, in the novelty of our present position, and in the sentiment of our weakness.

Nevertheless we faint not. Our trust is, that He who hath sent us on this good warfare, will Himself teach our hands to war, and our fingers to fight. We also turn towards you, dear Fathers and Brethren, persuaded as we are, that your sympathies, your prayers, your co-operation, are assured to us.

We are, before all things, resolved, by the grace of God, to preserve intact the fundamental principles of Methodism. Its doctrines are dear to us; and we believe its discipline in its basis to be admirably adapted to the wants of the Church in every time and place, and consequently in France. The modifications which may be introduced from time to time into our Church will only apply to modes of application, and never to essential principles. We are all of one mind on that question.

We shall maintain, please God, our rights, and fulfil our duties, like Ministers of Jesus Christ, who are responsible to their Divine Master for the talent intrusted to them. We shall, at the same time, encourage the hearty co-operation of the members of the flock, in their proper sphere of action. These are not two orders of things which should be mingled and confounded, neither should they be opposed to each other. They may march on the same line in perfect and salutary harmony.

We have adopted measures by which our Societies will be able to co-operate with us more fully in the direction of the financial affairs of the Circuits, and take on themselves more completely, as they become able to do so, the support of the ministry, and of the work of God in general.

We have likewise attended to the subject of providing for our Worn-out Preachers, and our widows, as well as for the evangelization of the kingdom by day-schools and colporteurs.

Our position with respect to the Government obliges us to use a certain reserve in the publicity of our acts. On that account, we have not published this year the numbers of our members, nor entered into many particulars with respect to the operations of some of our Committees.

We have delegated as our Representative to your next Conference our beloved President, the Rev. Dr. Cook. We bless God for having raised up, for our present circumstances, an honoured Brother, so well qualified for his present position; and we pray that he may long occupy that post, and with increasing happiness.

We have been visibly blessed of the Lord during the whole time of our sittings; and we return to our respective fields of labour, we dare believe, in a spirit of trust in Him who has said to His servants, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end."

For the Conference, and in its name,

CHARLES COOK, *President*,
HENRY DE JERSEY, *Secretary*.

Nismes, September 15th, 1852.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE FRENCH CONFERENCE.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

We have received with cordial satisfaction the Address with which, as the Conference of the Methodist Pastors and Ministers in France, you have favoured us, by the hands of your venerable President the Rev. Dr. Cook.

Having long had the opportunity of observing your faithful and self-denying prosecution of the work of the Christian Ministry and Pastorate; and having had the pleasure to co-operate with you in the labour to which you are devoted; we are highly gratified and thankful to Almighty God, that, in the new position to which you have been directed by providential guidance, and as the result of anxious, prayerful, and enlightened deliberation, you indicate that vigour, sobriety, that "spirit of love, of power, and of a sound mind," and, above all, that distrust of yourselves, combined with humble and confident reliance on the Divine blessing, which are elements of present consistency and safety, and of continued and increasing prosperity. In the preservation and cultivation of such a state of mind, you will be well able to meet your difficulties, to grapple with and to surmount them; as well as to employ all the success that may be vouchsafed you, to the furtherance of God's glory and to the enlargement of your evangelic enterprise.

We are gratified to observe your Christian estimate of the necessities of your great and influential empire; the spirit and movements of which affect all civilized nations, and powerfully operate on mankind, universally. The regeneration of nations has been desiderated, and in various ways attempted; political changes have contributed alternately to the woe and to the weal of states; but it is righteousness which alone exalteth a people. That is a noble and godly purpose, compared with which all human schemes, however valuable, are subordinate, which seeks the welfare of our country by bringing the light and power of the immutable, benevolent, and regenerating truths of religion to bear upon the conversion of individuals to the faith, the hope, the righteousness of the Gospel; and which, by thus pervading the masses of the people, creates the only material and cement of a happy, united, and settled social fabric. In this view there is a dignity in your position, unabated by the comparative obscurity of your circumstances, and a glorious responsibility, from which, we are persuaded, you will not retire or shrink. The result may not be speedily realized; patience may be required of you; but, if so, "let patience have its perfect work," and still continue to sow in hope. Let no discouragement attend your waiting; let no impatience abate your toils! There is happiness in enduring. "The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient: stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." In faithfully preaching the word of God, the Gospel of our salvation, you do not engage in a work of uncertain issue. "The word that goeth out of My mouth," saith the Lord, "shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it;" and the blessed con-

sequence "shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign, that shall not be cut off." Be assured, dear Brethren, that we shall not fail to pray earnestly for your personal happiness, and for the success of your labours; and we shall do so, deriving additional encouragement from the manner in which you have been graciously disposed and enabled to address yourselves to your arduous duties.

We are also gratified by the declaration of your unanimous, cordial, and firm attachment to the doctrines and discipline of Methodism. We have long known their truthfulness, and, in common with yourselves, with multitudes of steadfast adherents, and with our Fathers who have departed this life in the faith of Christ, have satisfactorily tested their value. With us you will combine this uncompromising adhesion of judgment and grateful affection, with all the enlargements of fraternal and catholic charity towards all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; "avoiding a narrow, bigoted, and sectarian spirit;" and with tender solicitude endeavouring to benefit all such as have erred and are deceived, that they may be guided into the way of truth; justifying to all the hitherto well-sustained profession, that you are "the friends of all, the enemies of none." Abiding thus, unmoved by provocation and unswayed by allurements, you will conserve your best interests, and display the genuine promptings of hearts constrained by the love of our Redeemer.

We believe that Methodism, as "the work of God," is, in its faithful application, capable of the preservation of its essential principles intact, and of extensive adaptation to the varying circumstances in which it may, from time to time, in any part of the world, be placed by Divine Providence. Adaptation is wise; innovation, unwise! The former is safe; the latter always dangerous, and to be avoided. We have the utmost confidence in your fidelity and in your cautious wisdom. In this, as in all things else, seek, dear Brethren, that direction which is promised to those who ask; and grace according to the day, and equal to the occasion, will be given. You will thus be enabled to conserve the right; to maintain the truth in love; and, uninjured by an ever-unsettled expediency, you will embody in your arrangements only the promptings of heavenly counsel.

We have regarded with much satisfaction that enunciation of true Methodist principles, on the important duties of loyalty and patriotism, which is contained in your Pastoral Address to the people of your charge. With us, you are taught that "the powers that be are ordained of God;" that "whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God;" and you rightly inculcate that tribute should be rendered "to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." Honour to the King is, in holy Scripture, con-

nected with the fear of God; and there is good reason for the lesson, "Meddle not with them that are given to change." Our mutual prayers will ascend "for Kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty," and especially that the good understanding and pacific relations now happily existing between France and this kingdom may be perpetuated through all generations, and that wars may cease to the ends of the earth.

We rejoice that you have secured the willing co-operation of your people in measures of practical Christian effort and usefulness; and that your attention is directed to the great and interesting subject of Religious Education. This is one of the primary wants of our age; and the character of the future depends, in no inconsiderable degree, on our present attention or neglect. You are invited to it by the most important considerations, and will, we doubt not, engage in it as opportunity may be given; so that many will rise up and call you blessed. We have, ourselves, derived incalculable advantage from this portion of our work; and are resolved more earnestly and extensively to employ ourselves in it.

The Divine blessing, which so visibly rested on your Conference, has also been largely manifested to us during our present assembly, and also in the services of the sanctuary. Christian fidelity has been associated with brotherly love, and we are cheered by numerous indications of increasing unity, stability, and prosperity.

It remains that we and you, dear Brethren, in the spheres of labour allotted to us, devote ourselves afresh to God, in seeking an increase of personal religion; that we preach with energy and simplicity the vital doctrines of the Gospel, which distinguished the original Ministers of the Methodists, whose labours were so signally blessed of the Lord; that we consecrate ourselves fully to our proper work, as servants of Christ and His church, giving ourselves wholly to it, and "guarding against all occupation of our time and thoughts which have no direct connexion with our great calling, and which would injuriously divert our attention from the momentous task of saving souls and taking care of the flock of Christ;" and that we "covet earnestly the best gifts,"—that we sedulously improve our advantages by study and prayer; so that we may be workmen "who need not be ashamed;" "commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

It has afforded us the highest gratification to receive, as your Representative, our well-known and beloved friend and Brother, your President, the Rev. Dr. Cook; we have been refreshed by his presence, spirit, and communications; and we join with you in praying that he may be long spared to you,—that he may continue to be blessed and made an abundant blessing.

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"Now, the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end He may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints:" and "unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary.*

Bradford, August 14th, 1853.

APPENDIX.

I.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS ON THE SUBJECT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCE, IN PURSUANCE OF THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY THE CON- FERENCE OF 1852.

THE following extract from the "Minutes of Conference" is the authority for the President to select a Sub-Committee :—

Special Committee of Finance.—As the Reports received from the Connexional Committees assembled previously to the present and the last Conference, recommend the appointment of a Special Committee to take into consideration the general finances of the Connexion, the President of the Conference is hereby authorized to convene a Meeting, to consist of such members of those Committees, and other friends, as he may select, and to be held at such time and place as he shall appoint; and the Special Committee is hereby directed to consider,—whether some better arrangement can be made for the maintenance and extension of the work of God in our country, by means of the Contingent Fund; by what means the income of the Kingwood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools' Fund, and of the Worn-out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund, may be rendered adequate to the necessary expenditure; also whether, and in what manner, suitable relief can be extended to Chapel-Trusts which are peculiarly burdened. The Conference also refers to the consideration of the Finance-Committee the accumulated deficiencies of the various Connexional Funds, with the hope that means may be devised to remove pecuniary incumbrances from those important institutions which the Funds respectively sustain. The President is authorized to select a Sub-Committee to make such preparatory arrangements as may facilitate the business of the Committee. (Minutes, 1852, Miscellaneous Resolutions, No. 4, p. 120.)

The President, having been thus "authorized to select a Sub-Committee to make such preparatory arrangements as might facilitate the business of the Committee," did accordingly invite a large number of Ministers and Lay-Friends, to act as a Sub-Committee, and to meet, for the purpose of making such preparatory arrangements, at Oldham-street Chapel, Manchester, on Thursday, March 18th. A smaller number of persons, consisting of the Officers of the Conference and of the Connexional Funds, met two days earlier, to collect and arrange various matters of detail, to be laid before the Sub-Committee.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE, HELD AT MANCHESTER, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH.

Present, the Rev. John Scott, President of the Conference, in the chair; Rev. J. Farrar, Secretary of the Conference; Revs.

Dr. Bunting, Dr. Newton, Dr. Beecham, Dr. Hannah, G. Marsden, J. Mason, J. Cusworth, I. Keeling, J. Crowther, W. Barton, J. P. Haswell, E. Hoole, G. Osborn, F. A. West, S. D. Waddy, C. Prest, W. Kelk, Israel Holgate, J. Stephenson, T. Dickin, J. Rattenbury, F. J. Jobson, W. Arthur, G. B. Macdonald, H. H. Chettle, R. Ray, Joseph Hargreaves, T. Waugh, John Rigg, W. Burt, G. Taylor, J. Bowers, J. J. Bates, Joseph Roberts, J. Lomas, W. Lord, C. Haydon, W. Hurt, W. Brailsford, J. Bedford, R. Leake, J. E. Coulson, J. Imission, W. Davison, W. H. Taylor, J. Gilchrist Wilson; with Messrs. J. Heald, J. Burton, (Manchester,) T. Farmer, J. Burton, (Leeds,) W. Smith, (Leeds,) A. Vickers, J. D. Burton, J. Lomas, T. P. Bunting, W. Cheeseborough and W. Peel, (Bradford,) J. R. Kay, R. Bealey, R. Wilson, J. Fernley, C. Cooper, W. Moxon, J. Garstang, J. Mayson, and G. R. Chappell.

The President opened the business by reading the Minute of the Conference respecting the appointment of the Committee, and by a lucid statement of the nature and causes of the present deficiencies of the various Connexional Funds; especially those which have arisen in a gradual way, through Circuits having been induced to devolve their proper local charges on the Contingent Fund, by neglecting to provide or by giving up Circuit-houses, and applying for newly-married Ministers. The President concluded his remarks with the suggestion, that it might be a convenient order of proceeding, *first* to ascertain the actual state of each Fund, with the probable accumulations calculated to the time of the ensuing Conference; and *then* to consider such practical measures as might be proposed for immediate relief, and the prevention of future embarrassment.

The Sub-Committee then proceeded accordingly to investigate the state of the

CONTINGENT FUND.

Of late years the Grants made to newly-married Ministers without houses have practically, though quite unexpectedly, interfered with the proper distribution of this Fund, so as somewhat unfairly to divert and absorb its income, and to supersede, or, in great part, preclude, those self-adjusting arrangements by which, previously, the frequent and rapid accumulation of deficiencies was prevented. The tendency of such Grants to work thus prejudicially has been increased since the Conference of 1846, by the action of the Financial Regulations adopted at that time with reference to the Contingent Fund. Circuits which were precluded by those regulations from obtaining an additional Minister *unmarried*, have availed themselves, to a great extent, of the provision that, in certain cases, a *newly-married* Minister might be

obtained, with a Grant in lieu of house-rent, and other expenses of a family. This has operated most injuriously on the Fund. The probable income for 1853 being £9,522, and the present debt being £6,834, were the debt of 1852 to be paid out of the income of this year, there would remain only £2,688 for both Ordinary and Extraordinary Deficiencies; while the claims on the Fund, arising from calculable items, render it probable that the present deficiency will be increased at the Conference to £11,148. The progressive increase of the charge for newly-married Ministers *without* houses has of late years, as shown by the details laid before the Meeting, diminished the amount distributed in aid of those dependent Circuits in which there are married Ministers *with* houses, to the extent of upwards of £5,000; and so tends to monopolize the entire Fund for one branch of expenditure. The comparative facility with which newly-married Ministers have been obtained, with only a single man's allowance, and a Grant from the Fund to the Minister, of £24, £35, or £40, has weakened the inducement to Circuits to make full and regular provision for the ministry they employ; and has apparently become an encouragement and a temptation to seek a cheap *local* arrangement at the cost of a *general* Fund.

Under the head of the Contingent Fund, it was next ascertained from the statements of Mr. Prest, as one of the Secretaries of the Committee of Privileges, that the expenses incurred by the Property-Defence Committee, in proceedings rendered necessary by various attempts of hostile parties to deprive the Connexion of Chapels and Schools, have amounted to £3,950; and that accounts not yet rendered, together with cases still pending, may be estimated at the further sum of £3,000, making a total of £6,950.

SCHOOLS' FUND.

The general state of the Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools' Fund was reported, to the effect, that, from 1842, the income of the Fund from collections and subscriptions had not met the growing claims, arising from the increased number of Ministers, and the corresponding increase in the number of children to be educated; and that the Fund had only been preserved from greater deficiencies by expedients which have pressed with serious hardship upon the Ministers of the Connexion. It appeared that this year the income was £8,048. 3s. 9d.; the expenditure, £10,489. 2s. 8d.; the deficiency of the year, £2,440. 18s. 11d.; the balance now due, £3,310; and that, at the Conference, the present debt will be increased, by the operation of the same causes, to £5,750.

NEW-KINGSWOOD BUILDINGS.

The chief parts of the account for the New-Kingswood Build-

ings were stated, to the effect, that the expenditure on the *main* building had come very nearly within the amount contemplated by the Committee in their Provisional Estimate; but that, in consequence of the purchase of additional land, and the erection of boundary-walls and a gate-keeper's house,—all of which were found necessary for the due protection and convenience of the School,—and also from the unforeseen expenses incurred in the legal examination of the Title, the entire cost had exceeded the Provisional Estimate by £2,600. At the same time, the resources available towards meeting the expense of building had fallen considerably below the amount anticipated,—partly from the unexpected smallness of the sum realized by the sale of the Old Kingswood School and premises, but principally from the unfavourable circumstances under which the *public collections* towards the expense of the New Schools were made. The debts on the “Building Funds” of the New and Old Schools, taken together, amount to £7,500.

NEW AUXILIARY, OR WORN-OUT MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS'
WIDOWS', FUND.

The state of this Fund was reported, to the effect, that the present debt is £2,948; which, with £2,769, the probable deficiency of this year, will amount at the Conference to £5,717. The debt would have been much greater but for the painful reductions made the last two years in the payments to Supernumeraries and Widows. Those reductions were, one-sixth from the yearly allowance to Supernumeraries, and from the usual grants to Supernumeraries and Widows towards furniture; and one guinea each from the year's payment to Widows.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

The accumulation of debt on this part of our Connexional Funds was stated by one of the Treasurers, Mr. Farrar, to be £1,714. This balance has resulted from the deficiencies of several years, during which the expenditure was considerably above the receipts. About three years ago a financial adjustment was carefully and deliberately attempted, by which the *annual* deficiency has been much reduced.

The substance of the preceding statement is briefly presented in the following

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of the Connexional liabilities, as now ascertained, and of further deficiencies calculated to the Conference of the current year :—

	Debt at the last Conference. £.	Anticipated Deficiency next Conference. £.	Debt at the next Conference. £.
Contingent Fund	6,834	4,314	11,148
Contingent Fund for Defence of Con- nexional Property	3,950	3,000	6,950
Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools' Fund	3,310	2,440	5,750
Kingswood Buildings, &c.	7,500		7,500
Auxiliary or Worn-Out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund	2,948	2,769	5,717
Theological Institution	1,714		1,714
Total.....	<u>£26,256</u>	<u>12,523</u>	<u>38,779</u>

After this investigation by the Sub-Committee, the President remarked, in substance, that—

“It appears, from a careful observation for some time past of the state of our Connexional Funds, that we have at present, *not* more Ministers than the spiritual wants of our Circuits demand, but more than they are at present supporting. Hence each of the Funds is found inadequate to the necessary expenditure. It has, therefore, become imperatively necessary to apply an immediate and decisive check to the primary and general cause of these progressive and extensive deficiencies. In order to this, let no additional Preachers be admitted on Trial this year, or perhaps also the next; and for some time to come admit only a sufficient number to supply the two branches of the Theological Institution. During the same period supply the President's List of Reserve from Students who shall have completed their course at the Institution. It will also be necessary to act in the spirit of a Minute of the Conference of 1797,* by returning to the former system of

* This Minute is given in the following Extract from the Minutes of the Conference, Vol. I., p. 397:—

TO THE SUPERINTENDENTS THROUGHOUT THE CONNEXION.

London, September 5th, 1797.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,—From the conversation we had with each other respecting our temporal affairs, you will, no doubt, clearly see, 1. The necessity of doing all in your power to persuade our people to provide for their Preachers in the several Circuits. 2. To inform them, that in future we shall be under the disagreeable necessity to send them no more Preachers than they are able and willing to provide for, a very few Circuits excepted. 3. That, on this account, the smaller places in each Circuit which can scarcely support the Preachers while they are with them, must have less preaching, if not be wholly given up the next Conference; and that a list of such places be taken at the next Midsummer Quarterly-Meeting, in order that it may be sent to the next Conference. 4. That where any Circuit has been divided, so as to render more Preachers necessary than the people are able to support, and especially where they cannot provide a house for a family, such Circuits must be again united. 5. That the grand reason for the above regulations is *hard necessity*. We cannot add to our debt a thousand pounds every year, as we have done for several years last past.

distributing the Contingent Fund ; that is, to discontinue the progressive Grants of £24, £35, and £40 to married Ministers *without houses*, and again proceed in the Committee of Distribution, at the Conference, to dispose of the entire probable Income of each year by, *first*, making a suitable Reserve for Extraordinaries, and *then*, dispensing the remainder in Grants for Ordinaries,—these to be afterwards apportioned by the Financial District-Meetings to the Circuits needing assistance. It would be important, in order to the proper carrying out of this change of system, to obtain, in the course of the next year, Returns, through the District-Meetings, of the number of Ministers the Circuits would undertake to provide for by local efforts, and of the cases in which some aid would be requisite towards Ordinary Deficiencies : and it would be useful to appoint, for one year, a Special Committee to examine such Returns, and report thereon to the Conference. Circuits which now have a newly-married Minister with a Grant should be strongly urged, wherever practicable, to take and furnish a house ; and they should be encouraged and assisted in doing so, if means can be provided, by a liberal Grant towards furniture in those cases in which provision is made, *without delay*, of a furnished house. And it would be highly desirable, for one or two years, to have *some supplementary means* to aid and facilitate the working of the Contingent Fund *during the process of transition to a sounder financial system*.

“ At the same time, two or three of the best of various plans for the relief of those chapels which are peculiarly burdened should receive very favourable consideration. If, where an entire removal of chapel-debts, however desirable, may not be practicable, our people could be led to some efficient methods for largely reducing them by local efforts, the ability of Circuits to support the ministry they employ would thereby be considerably increased ; and, by the removal of a paralysing financial pressure,—which, wherever it is felt, obstructs useful enterprise, and weighs down the energies of our best friends,—the prosperity and extension of the work of God would be greatly promoted.”

These general views were made the subjects of careful deliberation during repeated sittings of the Meetings convened at Manchester. The Sub-Committee, having thus investigated the General Finances of the Connexion, and considered and generally agreed to several propositions for their relief and improvement, deemed it desirable to hold an adjourned Meeting in London, prior to the Meeting of the General Committee ; and a small Committee of themselves was appointed to prepare a document, from the Minutes of the conversations, and from various papers containing suggestions and proposals, which should then be taken into full consideration.

To "facilitate" still further "the business of the Committee," the Manchester Meeting, previously to its adjournment, made the following appointments; viz.,—

1. That, in reference to the exigencies of chapels which are peculiarly burdened, the Chapel-Relief Committee and the Chapel-Building Committee be requested to meet together, and to take into consideration the papers on this subject which were read by the Secretary of the Building Committee, Mr. Kelk, and the various plans which have been suggested for an early and extensive diminution of Chapel-Debts, with a view to some general and systematic efforts for this purpose, and to such assistance and encouragement as may be afforded through a Connexional agency: leaving the Chapel-Relief Fund to continue its judicious and beneficial administration of the funds placed at its disposal.

2. That the following members of this Meeting be requested to prepare, for the consideration of the General Finance Committee and the Conference, a revision of the existing arrangement between the Mission Fund and the various Funds connected with the Home Work; viz.,—the Missionary Treasurers and Secretaries, the Rev. Dr. Bunting, F. A. West, S. D. Waddy, C. Prest, F. J. Jobson; Messrs. T. P. Bunting, J. Corderoy, J. Vanner, the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund, and the Rev. J. Stephenson, as one of the Secretaries of that Fund; with power to add to their number.

A Committee was also requested to consider and report concerning a suggestion for diminishing the mere office-work which devolves on the Treasurers of Connexional Funds.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned to a day in April, to be announced by the President,—the adjourned Meeting to be held at the Centenary-Hall, London.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE,

APPOINTED AT MANCHESTER, MARCH 18TH, TO PREPARE A REVISION OF THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSION-FUND AND THE VARIOUS CONNEXIONAL FUNDS, IN REFERENCE TO MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO THE HOME WORK, HELD AT THE CENTENARY-HALL, LONDON, APRIL 18TH, 1853.

The record of the existing arrangement was read from the Report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate and consider this subject in 1832; and the following conclusions were unanimously adopted:—

This Sub-Committee are convinced that the existing agreement has been faithfully performed on the part of the Mission-Fund; but, as the circumstances of the Connexion are in various respects

materially changed in the last twenty years, the Sub-Committee recommend that, as an equivalent for the admission to the Home Work, of Missionaries who have spent the whole, or any part, of their Probation abroad, the following adjustments be adopted:—

1. *As to the Contingent Fund,*

This Sub-Committee recommend, that for each year of his Probation, which a returned Missionary may have passed in the Foreign Work, the Mission-Fund should pay to the Contingent Fund at the rate of £55 for his reception to the Home Work: *e.g.*, that if a returned Missionary shall have travelled four years on Probation abroad, the Mission-Fund should be charged at the above rate per annum for four years; or, shall he have travelled three years, two years, or one year abroad, the charge should be made accordingly. On the other hand, the Sub-Committee recommend that the probationary year or years which Ministers may spend in the Home Work, before entering upon the Foreign Work, should be set off against a corresponding number of probationary years which returned Missionaries may have spent abroad.

2. *As to the Children's Fund,*

The Sub-Committee recommend that the same principle be applied in adjusting the relation of the Mission-Fund to the Children's Fund; *i. e.*, that the Mission-Fund be debited to the Children's Fund, on account of the children of returned Missionaries, for the same number of years as those for which the father's Probation is charged; and, in like manner, that, for the same number of years as those for which the father's Probation is charged, the Children's Fund be debited to the Mission-Fund, for the children of Ministers taken from the Home Work into the Foreign Work.

3. *As to the Schools' Fund,*

The Sub-Committee recommend that the Mission-Fund be charged with the Educational Allowances, and the cost of boys at the Schools, for all children of returned Missionaries brought into the Home Work, born on a Foreign Station, towards which payment the Mission-Fund shall receive the Missionaries' subscriptions, and collections for the Schools' Fund made at the Foreign Stations; and that the Schools' Fund be charged for all children of Ministers born in a Home Circuit before their appointment to the Foreign Work; also, that the subscriptions of Missionaries, and the collections made for the Schools' Fund on Foreign Stations, shall continue to be inserted in the Annual Reports of the Schools' Fund.

4. The Sub-Committee further recommend that this arrangement be revised at the end of five years from the Conference of this year, *viz.*, 1853.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE,
CONVENED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, UNDER
THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINUTE OF CONFERENCE, CON-
TAINED IN THE EXTRACT BEFORE GIVEN, AND HELD IN THE
CENTENARY-HALL, BISHOPSGATE-STREET, APRIL 22D AND
23D, 1853.

PRESENT: THE REV. JOHN SCOTT, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFER-
ENCE, IN THE CHAIR; ALSO,—

Rev. John Farrar, the Secretary,
— Jabez Bunting, D.D.,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Samuel Jackson,
— John Beecham, D.D.,
— George Marsden,
— William Naylor,
— Jonathan Crowther,
— William Barton,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— Elijah Hoole,
— George Osborn,
— William Arthur, M.A.,
— Henry Bleby,
— Alfred Barrett,
— James Wheeler,
— George Scott, 2d,
— George Smith,
— Peter Samuel,
— Richard Hardy,
— William O. Booth,
— Josiah Pearson,
— John W. Close,
— William H. Clarkson,
— James Cooke,
— James Allen,
— Corbett Cooke,
— Charles Haydon,
— John Tindall,
— Joseph Hargreaves,
— George B. Macdonald,
— William Lord,
— John Mason,
— William M. Harvard, M.A.,
— William Kelk,
— Michael C. Taylor,
— Henry W. Williams,
— James Methley,
— Henry H. Chettle,
— William H. Rule,
— Benjamin B. Waddy,
— Joseph Lawton,
— Francis A. West,
— John Lomas,

Rev. Roger Moore,
— William Bacon,
— John E. Coulson,
— George Maunder,
— William Edwards,
— Thomas Pennington,
— John Brown, 1st,
— William W. Stamp,
— Robert Day,
— John Hay,
— John Stephenson,
— Joseph Cusworth,
— John W. Greeves,
— George Turner,
— William Smith, 1st,
— Joseph Binns,
— James Rosser,
— William Burt,
— Peter Duncan,
— Luke H. Wiseman,
— George Jackson,
— Charles Prest,
— Richard Ray,
— George Taylor,
— Thomas Williams, 1st,
— Samuel D. Waddy,
— Thomas Akroyd,
— Willson Brailsford,
— William Hopewell,
— Isaac Keeling,
— Thomas Nightingale,
— Joseph Stinson,
— Peter M'Owan,
— John Bowers,
— James Parkes,
— William D. Goy,
— William B. Pope,
— Hugh Jones,
— Charles Westlake,
— John Rigg,
— Robert Thompson;
Mr. J. Vanner, *London*,
— C. Harrison, *Worthing*,
— James Heald, *Stockport*,

Mr. W. R. James, *London*,
 — F. Shaw, *ditto*,
 — David Bell, *ditto*,
 — C. T. Gabriel, *ditto*,
 — R. Stephens, *ditto*,
 — John M. Camplin, *ditto*,
 — Walter Griffith, *ditto*,
 — H. Wallace, *ditto*,
 — John Lees, *Stockport*,
 — Thomas Farmer, *London*,
 — W. Cheeseborough, *Bradford*,
 — M. Swindells, *Bollington*,
 — J. Irving, *Bristol*,
 — John Meek, *Macclesfield*,
 — J. R. Kay, *Bury*,
 — J. C. Kay, *ditto*,
 — E. Towler, *Market-Raisen*,
 — T. Wade, *Selby*,
 — A. Vickers, *Disley*,
 — E. Neel, *Jersey*,
 — E. Atkin, *Manchester*,
 — John Chambers, *ditto*,
 — F. Parnell, *ditto*,
 — R. Hammersley, *Leek*,
 — J. Lomas, *Manchester*,
 — T. Walker, *Cheltenham*,
 — W. W. Pocock, *London*,
 — John Otter, *Stokeham*,
 — John Griffin, *London*,
 — James Dodsworth, *Pontefract*,
 — John Higgs, *Maidenhead*,
 — Thomas Beach, *Bridport*,
 — Thomas Cox, *Dudley*,
 — C. F. Jepps, *London*,
 — R. Brown, *Norwich*,

Mr. W. T. Shaw, *Derby*,
 — J. Clippingdale, *London*,
 — T. Twitchell, *Wellington, Bedford*,
 — Greaves Walker, *London*,
 — W. A. Vaughan, *ditto*,
 — W. Dingley, *Sherborne*,
 — T. P. Bunting, *Manchester*,
 — F. Lycett, *London*,
 — J. Lidgett, *ditto*,
 — John H. Mason, *Newbury*,
 — William Tagg, *London*,
 — W. Spensley, *ditto*,
 — F. Riggall, *Clifton*,
 — S. Buckland, *London*,
 — S. W. Bradnack, *Colchester*,
 — William Churchill, *Gloucester*,
 — G. P. Jerran, *London*,
 — T. Knight, *ditto*,
 — John Chubb, *ditto*,
 — G. Smith, *Camborne*,
 — Isaac H. Clark, *London*,
 — John Osborn, *Rochester*,
 — C. Cornell, *ditto*,
 — John Corderoy, *London*,
 — R. F. Sturges, *Birmingham*,
 — William Perks, *ditto*,
 — J. Howard, *Biddenham*,
 — James Howard, *Bedford*,
 — S. Wilkes, *Wolverhampton*,
 — T. Hine, *Biggleswade*,
 — J. Blake, *Harrow*,
 — W. Bourne, *London*,
 — Joseph Phillips, *ditto*,
 — John C. Rigg, *ditto*,
 — Henry Reece, *ditto*.

The President opened the business of the Meeting with appropriate remarks on the subject of Methodism, dwelling at some length, and with considerable emphasis, on its intrinsic character and peculiar advantages, and on the amount of good accomplished by its instrumentality, directly and indirectly, under the blessing of God, in this country and throughout the world at large. He then stated the authority under which the Meeting had been called, and the matters which it was invited to consider; and concluded with some details, on the subject of those deficiencies (in the Connexional Funds) in which the necessity of such a Meeting had originated, and with an earnest appeal for such counsel and effort as the circumstances of the case required.

The Secretary of the Conference read a Report of the proceedings and suggestions of the Preparatory Sub-Committee, so far as above given. The Rev. W. Kelk followed, on the call of the President, with the Report of the United Chapel-Relief and Chapel-Building Committees, which had been presented to the Preparatory Sub-Committee at Manchester.

The Meeting was then proceeding to consider the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee having reference to the extinction of debts on the General Funds of the Connexion, and the importance of precluding the recurrence of such debts in future,—when there arose a very earnest and animated conversation, particularly on two points, on which there prevailed throughout the Meeting, as there prevails throughout the Connexion at large, an interest too lively and extended, to admit of their being lightly passed over.

In the *first* place, supposing the existing debts, and the deficiencies which may probably continue to occur for a short period to come, to be fully provided for, the question was,—what were the “adequate and reasonable grounds of confidence” which might be fairly relied on, that similar deficiencies, after that period, would be sufficiently guarded against. Not that the want of a satisfactory answer to this question would justify the Connexion in repudiating any portion of its actual liabilities, but that it would greatly enhance the difficulty of obtaining the means of discharging them,—while, on the other hand, a satisfactory answer would have exactly the contrary effect. The various Funds were, therefore, considered *seriatim*,—and, with reference to each of them in succession, it was made to appear, to the general satisfaction of the Meeting, that the measures to be proposed in the course of its proceedings would, if adopted, constitute very nearly the guarantee required.

A *second* point, which very largely engaged the attention and sympathy of the Meeting, related to the duty and necessity of comprehending, in its design, the relief of Chapel-Trust Estates, as well as the relief of the General Funds of the Connexion, together with the provision of a Fund for promoting the removal of Chapel-Debts on a large and comprehensive scale, on plans to be hereafter determined. This subject, which had already been very seriously considered by the Preparatory Sub-Committee, the Meeting discussed at great length; and it was deemed highly desirable to raise a subscription that would not only discharge all debts which are more properly Connexional, but which would afford a considerable surplus, that might be available as the nucleus of a new Fund for the relief of distressed Trusts, and occasionally for aid in the erection of new Chapels. Upon full consideration of the subject, the Meeting was entirely satisfied that it was practicable, as well as most desirable, to attain these combined objects; and, in consequence, a general subscription of double the amount at first contemplated was unanimously and heartily proposed. This was a *crisis* in the proceedings of the Meeting, which, for the interest which was felt, and the hopes which were inspired, will be long and gratefully remembered. The *fundamental* Resolution—the first in the series of Resolutions

appended—was immediately and unanimously adopted. And in the course of a short time a Subscription-List was opened in a spirit corresponding with the principles to which utterance had been given.

As might have been expected, from the course which the business of the Meeting had now taken, and from the amount of time and attention which had been given to the subject,—next to the Resolution, with reference to debts on Connexional Funds, a second Resolution was adopted, with equal cordiality and unanimity, on the subject of Chapel-Trust Estates, embodying the views and feelings on which the Meeting was agreed.

Various expedients for the relief of the Contingent Fund, the Schools' Fund, the Children's Fund, and the Worn-Out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, were discussed with great freedom, and at considerable length. And the general result was the unanimous and cordial adoption of the following

FINAL RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved unanimously,

1. On the motion of James Heald, Esq., of Parr's Wood, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Bunting, supported by Thomas Walker, Esq., of Cheltenham,

That the present state and probable wants of the Connexion require that measures be forthwith adopted for the extinction, as early as possible, of the Debts at present existing in the various departments of its general economy; and that at the same time such arrangements be made, in its several departments, as shall constitute an adequate and reasonable ground of confidence that similar incumbrances shall in future be prevented.

2. On the motion of James Heald, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Samuel D. Waddy, supported by the Rev. Dr. Beecham,

That this Meeting has received with great satisfaction the Report of the United Committees, (for the relief of necessitous chapels, and for controlling the erection of new chapels,) and also the valuable suggestions offered, in writing or verbally, by several members of this Meeting. Its satisfaction is greatly increased from the evidence thus supplied of the great and growing concern felt by the Connexion on account of the amount of Debt which still rests upon its Trust Estates, and of a general and earnest desire to adopt some suitable means of relief. It is also encouraged to hope that some plans may speedily be devised, whereby all Circuits in which Chapel-Debts exist may be enabled, by their own local resources and efforts, gradually, but effectually, to extinguish them. But this Meeting is also of opinion that, while Trustees, and all Circuit Officers, must more than ever depend upon their own local efforts, for meeting the claims to which they

may be liable, on account of Chapel-Debts, and other charges arising from the establishment and maintenance of their local institutions, the present time, when a Resolution has been taken to pay off existing Connexional Debts, is a fitting opportunity to raise a sum of money sufficient to afford means for offering a premium and inducement to local exertion for the extinction of debts upon Chapel-Trust Estates, (with the understanding that the surplus income of such Trust Estates so relieved will be made available for the support and extension of the work of God,) and also, if found practicable, to assist in the gradual formation of a Fund, by which some Connexional assistance may be hereafter given towards the erection of new chapels in important and eligible localities, where, without such stimulus or aid, sufficient means may not be supposed or found to exist.

N.B. This proposal is not designed to interfere with the present action of the Committee of the CHAPEL-RELIEF FUND.

3. On the motion of Thomas Farmer, Esq., seconded by Mr. John Corderoy, supported by Mr. James Nash,

That this Meeting recommends that, in future, the Circuits be expected to undertake the support of the Ministers they employ, with such aid as can be afforded to them (after making a suitable Reserve for Extraordinaries) by Grants from the Contingent Fund, to be apportioned, after careful inquiry by the Financial District-Meetings into the local circumstances and comparative necessities of each Circuit.

4. On the motion of John Robinson Kay, Esq., of Bury, seconded by Francis Riggall, Esq., of Bristol, supported by Archibald Vickers, Esq., of Disley,

That, while, at the ensuing Conference, it may be necessary to make appointments, and distribute the Contingent Fund, according to the plan of late years, this Meeting recommends that, at the Conference of 1854, the progressive Grants of £24, £35, or £40, to newly-married Ministers *without houses*, be discontinued; and that whatever sum would have been thus apportioned, on the plan of late years, be distributed in the form of Grants to the Districts for Ordinaries, and through them to the Circuits.

5. On the motion of Thomas Wade, Esq., of Selby, seconded by Walter Griffith, Esq., of London, supported by Mr. Cox, of Tipton,

That those Circuits in which newly-married Ministers have been stationed be earnestly requested to provide houses, *if possible*, during the year between the Conference of 1853 and that of 1854.

6. On the motion of John Irving, Esq., of Bristol, seconded by William W. Pocock, Esq., of London, supported by Mr. John Clippingdale, of London,

That this Meeting hopes that means may be provided to assist

and encourage those Circuits which make *early* arrangements for taking and furnishing a Minister's House, by a liberal Grant towards Furniture; and, if possible, *for a year or two*, by special assistance towards Ordinary Deficiencies, in cases of evident necessity; and that, for these purposes, it would be highly desirable that a sum of about £7,000 should be obtained, in conjunction with the effort to liquidate the existing Debts of the Connexional Funds.

7. On the motion of Thomas Walker, Esq., seconded by John Vanner, Esq., of London, supported by James Howard, Esq., of Bedford,

That, in order to afford the claiming Circuits an opportunity of deliberately and advisedly stating what number of Ministers they require for the efficient carrying on of the work of God, and what pecuniary means they can provide for the support of the work on the required scale, this Meeting recommends that such Circuits be requested to forward Returns to the District-Committees, or to a Committee to be appointed by each Financial District-Meeting, stating what number of Ministers they can undertake to provide for by local efforts, with the aid of a Grant from the Contingent Fund. And this Meeting further recommends that a Special Committee be appointed by the Conference to examine the whole of such Returns, to communicate, as need may require, with the May District-Meetings in 1854, and to report on the whole subject to the ensuing Conference. This Meeting is also of opinion that the Chairman of each District, associated with a Lay-Friend, might, with great advantage, be authorized and requested to visit those dependent Circuits in which a Minister's house is required.

8. On the motion of the Rev. Thomas Jackson, seconded by Thomas Farmer, Esq.,

That, as the proceeds of the Contingent Fund are at present inadequate to the existing wants of the Home Work, and as the Fund was instituted, not merely for the support, but also for the extension, of the work of God in our own country, it appears highly desirable again to direct the attention of our people to a Minute on the subject of Home Missions, which was adopted by the Conference in 1848, and has already been reprinted by order of the Conference, as follows; viz.,—

Q. XXXVII. How may the Missionary character of our Home Work be better sustained, and its usefulness extended?

A. With a view to obtain additional means for the spread and support of the work of God, by the more extensive preaching of the Gospel in our own country, especially in Districts which peculiarly need such efforts, the Conference, after careful deliberation, resolves, that, in Circuits where such a step may be considered to be practicable and expedient, the Superintendents and other Ministers may very advantageously hold, once a year, a Public Meeting, for the purpose of laying before our congregations and friends the necessity

and duty of further exertions to meet the spiritual exigencies which so largely exist, and to increase, by an enlargement and extension of our usual system, the number of those who are sent forth by our body to evangelize the destitute portions of our land.

The pressing necessities of our Home Work seem to this Committee to render the measure thus sanctioned urgently requisite; and it is hoped that, if generally adopted, it will eventually be very productive.

9. On the motion of James Hoby, Esq., of London, seconded by Mr. Neel, of Jersey, supported by Mr. Bradnack, of Colchester,

That, with reference to the New Auxiliary or Worn-Out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, which has for years been inadequate to the claims upon it, this Meeting recommends, as an arrangement equitable in its principle, and indispensable to render the Fund adequate to its proper expenditure, that the Grants for Furniture to Supernumeraries and Widows be made in future from the Contingent Fund.

10. On the motion of Mr. Thomas Hine, of Stotford, Biggleswade, seconded by Mr. Hammersley, of Leek, supported by the Rev. George Marsden,

That, in order to insure a general alleviation of the pressure on all the Funds, it be recommended to the Conference to take out no Preachers on Trial this year, and, unless a revival of religion and a great increase of Connexional zeal and liberality should indicate a necessity for additional ministerial and pastoral agency, for some time to come to take out Ministers sparingly, but in sufficient number to supply the Theological Institution, and, through its two Branches, to fill up vacancies caused by death or otherwise in the Circuits; and to reserve at the Institution a sufficient number of Students who have completed their course, to enable the President, from time to time, to give the aid required for such vacancies as must be supplied to prevent injury to the cause of God.

11. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Bunting, seconded by the Rev. Corbett Cooke, of Bristol, supported by the Rev. Charles Prest, of London,

That it be recommended to the Conference to revise the arrangement which permits Students who have passed three years at the Theological Institution to marry at the close of their third year of travelling; and that, in the present financial exigency, as Circuits are expected to take and furnish a house after having had an unmarried Preacher for, at most, *four* years, it is requisite, as a corresponding arrangement, and is hereby suggested for the consideration of the Conference, that Preachers hereafter admitted should be entitled to the allowances of unmarried Preachers only, until they shall have travelled four years in Circuit work; but that those who, after four years' probation, shall be approved by the

Conference should, as at present, be admitted and ordained as Ministers in full connexion.

12. On the motion of James Heald, Esq., seconded by the Rev. William Arthur, A.M.,

That, for the purposes expressed in the preceding Resolutions, it is desirable that the Fund now to be raised should be at least £100,000; and that two years should be allowed for the payment of donations,—the first payment to be made at the ensuing Conference, and the second at that of 1854.

13. On the motion of James Heald, Esq., seconded by the Rev. John Farrar, supported by the Rev. Dr. Beecham,

That a Special Committee be appointed for the completing and carrying into effect the objects of the preceding Resolutions, both as to the measures to be taken for obtaining Contributions in addition to the Subscriptions so auspiciously commenced, and the specific appropriation of the Fund that may be raised; and that this Committee consist of the following Ministers and Gentlemen; viz.,—

The President and the Secretary of the Conference; the Rev. Dr. Bunting, Dr. Hannah, Dr. Beecham, Charles Prest, John Lomas, Isaac Keeling, Frederick J. Jobson, with Messrs. Heald, Farmer, Vanner, T. P. Bunting, J. R. Kay, and F. Riggall, with power to add to their number.

The following names have since been added :—Rev. Robert Newton, D.D., Thomas Jackson, John Bowers, Isaac Keeling, Jonathan Crowther, George Marsden, James Dixon, D.D., John Mason, Elijah Hoole, William Burt, Samuel D. Waddy, Francis A. West, William Kelk, John Hall, John Rattenbury, J. D. Brocklehurst, George Osborn, and William L. Thornton, M.A.; John D. Burton, Esq., Manchester; Messrs. John Corderoy, London; Edward Corderoy, ditto; Christopher T. Gabriel, ditto; John Chubb, ditto; John Irving, Bristol; Thomas Walker, Cheltenham; Joseph Carne, Penzance; George Smith, F.A.S., Camborne; Brock, Exeter; Carpenter, Stroud; John Hartley, Wolverhampton; Bottom, Nottingham; Collingham, Lincoln; John Meek, Macclesfield; Dr. P. Wood, Manchester; G. R. Chappell, ditto; John Fernley, ditto; Vickers, Disley; John Mayson, Manchester; George Marsden, ditto; Cheeseborough, Bradford; John Burton, Leeds; William Smith, ditto; W. B. Holdsworth, ditto; George Smith, ditto; S. H. Smith, Sheffield; Henwood, Hull; Hardy, ditto; Agar, York; Brogden, Carlisle; Wilson, Newcastle.

The following Officers have also been appointed :—

TREASURERS.

James Heald, Esq.,	} <i>Manchester.</i>
John D. Burton, Esq.,	

SECRETARIES.

Rev. Frederick J. Jobson,	}	<i>London.</i>
Mr. Edward Corderoy,		
Rev. John Rattenbury,	}	<i>Leeds.</i>
Mr. George Smith,		
Rev. J. D. Brocklehurst,	}	<i>Manchester.</i>
Mr. George Marsden,		

14. On the motion of James Heald, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Beecham,

That the cordial and respectful thanks of this Meeting be tendered to the President of the Conference, the Rev. John Scott, for the able manner in which (in conjunction with the Sub-Committee) he has prepared and presented the important business brought under its consideration, as well as for his kind and judicious conduct in the chair; and that this Meeting desires to express its affectionate sympathy with him in his present indisposition, and its earnest prayer and hope that his health may be speedily and fully restored.

15. On the motion of John Corderoy, Esq., seconded by the Rev. William Barton,

That the cordial and respectful thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Rev. Dr. Bunting, for his valuable and efficient services in the chair on Friday evening last, when the President was absent through indisposition.

JOHN SCOTT,
President of the Conference.

JOHN FARRAR,
Secretary of the Conference.

London, May 2d, 1853.

II.

ACCOUNTS OF THE CONTINGENT FUND FOR THE
YEAR ENDING AT THE CONFERENCE OF 1853.

1.—ORDINARIES.

CIRCUITS.	Noa.	Yearly Collection.	Grants.	July Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<i>I. London District.</i>				
First London	2043	72 0 0		34 12 6
Richmond	134	6 14 0		3 14 4
Uxbridge	66	1 10 0		1 5 0
Second London	1048	31 0 0		18 19 0
Third London and Thames				
Mission	1342	37 13 0	70 0 0	31 19 8
Fourth London	967	30 0 0		17 5 0
Fifth London	1801	68 6 6		33 18 0
Sixth London	818	27 5 0		24 1 6
Seventh London	750	21 0 0		15 7 0
Eighth London	1469	72 5 0		41 2 2
Deptford	438	13 3 6	35 0 0	10 3 0
Woolwich	451	10 10 0	35 0 0	7 8 0
Hammersmith	544	19 13 6		15 3 0
Croydon	251	6 4 0	18 0 0	5 10 0
Barking, &c.	155	3 10 0	24 0 0	3 16 6
Leyton	36	1 6 0	20 0 0	2 12 0
Ware, &c.	203	4 5 6	42 0 0	3 7 1
Cambridge	470	9 10 0		11 0 0
Windsor	284	10 0 0	10 0 0	5 10 0
Chelmsford	205	5 15 0	24 0 0	3 6 5
Maldon	207	3 0 0	46 0 0	2 0 0
Colchester	492	11 0 0	15 0 0	9 16 2
Manningtree	870	18 10 0	25 0 0	8 5 0
Ipswich	404	4 15 6	40 0 0	4 0 5
Hastings	452	10 5 0		9 10 8
Sevenoaks	290	9 0 0	35 0 0	6 0 0
Tunbridge-Wells	334	10 10 0	64 0 0	10 0 0
Lewes, &c.	147	4 18 6	24 0 0	3 8 9
Brighton	492	16 0 0		17 2 0
St. Alban's	440	6 4 0	40 0 0	5 3 0
Guildford, &c.	267	7 10 0	105 0 0	5 10 8
Dorking, &c.	100	2 6 6	120 0 0	2 7 0
Donation by Thomas Farmer, Esq.		10 0 0		
Totals	17970	563 10 6	792 0 0	373 3 10
<i>II. Bedford and North- ampton District.</i>				
Bedford and Ampthill	1133	23 0 0		16 18 7
Leighton-Buzzard	926	16 10 0	40 0 0	9 0 0
Luton	1060	25 0 0		16 16 0
Dunstable	902	23 10 0		11 15 0
St. Neot's	625	10 0 0		9 5 0
Biggleswade	548	8 10 0	40 0 0	8 8 0

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly	Grants.	July
		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Hitchin	159	3 0 0	7 0 0	2 16 0
Huntingdon	642	8 15 0	53 0 0	5 9 8
Northampton	770	13 10 0		8 0 0
Towcester	561	5 0 0	45 0 0	2 16 6
Daventry	558	9 0 0	40 0 0	5 9 5
Newport-Pagnell	335	5 5 0	24 0 0	3 0 0
Higham-Ferrers	334	4 10 0	10 0 0	4 10 4
Wellingborough	263	4 10 0	47 0 0	3 0 0
Kettering	190	2 10 0	26 0 0	2 5 0
Market-Harborough	124	3 0 0	18 0 0	2 14 6
Chatteris	342	4 10 0	35 0 0	3 0 0
Oundle	252	5 0 0	26 0 0	3 3 0
Additional Subscriptions..		4 13 5		
Totals	9724	179 13 5	411 0 0	118 7 0
III. Kent District.				
Canterbury	538	12 9 0	35 0 0	8 10 0
Faversham	365	8 0 0	40 0 0	5 10 0
Rochester	412	10 0 0	70 0 0	5 6 0
Gravesend	352	10 15 0	35 0 0	9 10 0
Sheerness	257	3 15 0		3 13 6
Margate	670	20 0 0		15 8 6
Dover	683	13 0 0		10 17 6
Deal	210	7 5 0	15 0 0	4 5 0
Rye	395	7 10 0	9 0 0	4 16 0
Tenterden	334	5 10 0	15 0 0	4 0 0
Ashford	251	4 5 6	20 0 0	2 10 0
Sandhurst	585	9 10 0	40 0 0	7 0 0
Maldstone	350	8 8 0	24 0 0	6 4 0
Sittingbourne	225	4 7 2	15 0 0	2 8 9
Totals	5627	124 14 8	318 0 0	89 19 3
IV. Norwich and Lynn District.				
Norwich	304	6 10 0	55 0 0	4 18 5
Bungay	258	5 15 0	50 0 0	3 6 0
North-Walsham	335	4 10 1	50 0 0	3 10 2
Yarmouth	293	10 8 0	52 10 0	5 16 9
Lowestoff	325	6 0 0		4 15 6
Framlingham	266	2 10 0	5 0 0	2 2 0
Diss	535	8 10 0	25 0 0	4 12 0
New-Buckenham	327	3 14 0	10 0 0	2 10 0
Bury St. Edmund's	185	4 18 0	70 0 0	3 11 0
Holt	42	1 17 6	50 0 0	1 7 0
Lynn	508	10 10 0		7 5 0
Swaffham	353	3 7 10	22 10 0	4 0 0
Downham	323	3 8 0	20 0 0	2 19 3
Walsingham	410	5 0 0		3 10 0
Wisbeach	357	4 12 0	10 0 0	4 0 0
Thetford	559	9 0 0	20 0 0	5 10 0
Mildenhall	331	4 1 0	10 0 0	4 0 0
Ely	462	8 11 0	24 0 0	7 0 0
Totals	6168	102 17 5	474 0 0	74 13 1
V. Oxford District.				
Oxford	341	8 0 0	24 6 8	4 4 0
High-Wycombe	427	7 10 0	40 0 0	5 0 0

CIRCUITS.	Noa.	Yearly Collection.	Grants.	July Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Aylesbury	567	5 0 0		7 7 9
Witney	536	10 0 0	22 6 8	9 0 0
Banbury	549	9 10 0		7 6 10
Kineton	241	4 10 0	6 13 4	2 14 0
Newbury	519	13 0 0		10 5 0
Reading	167	5 0 0	38 19 7	4 10 0
Hungerford	736	12 0 0		9 5 0
Watlington	207	2 18 0	13 6 8	2 5 6
Thame	164	2 15 0	25 0 0	2 15 0
Brackley	481	5 0 8	40 0 0	3 4 0
Chipping-Norton	351	4 10 0	13 6 8	4 0 0
Swindon	274	4 16 0	60 0 0	4 15 0
Wantage	450	9 2 6	56 13 4	7 17 0
Totals	6010	103 12 2	340 12 11	84 9 1
VI. Portsmouth District.				
Portsmouth	790	24 5 0		14 2 4
Gosport	120	3 10 0	30 0 0	1 15 0
Salisbury	647	9 0 6	40 0 0	10 11 10
Poole and Wareham	593	8 10 0	24 0 0	6 10 6
Wimborne	362	7 0 0		5 0 0
Ringwood	119	2 12 0	10 0 0	1 16 8
Newport, Isle of Wight ..	527	13 10 0	59 6 8	14 0 2
Southampton, &c.	546	15 10 0	30 0 0	13 2 0
Andover	358	4 1 0	25 0 0	2 2 0
Chichester	151	3 6 0	25 0 0	6 5 6
Totals	4213	91 4 6	243 6 8	75 6 0
VII. Guernsey District.				
Guernsey, English	368	12 0 0	40 0 0	4 0 0
Guernsey, French	978	13 12 0		6 5 0
Alderney, English	38	1 0 0		0 19 2
Alderney, French	47	1 6 6	22 0 0	0 13 6
Jersey, English	328	11 10 0	40 0 0	4 14 0
Jersey, French	1215	19 0 0		9 0 0
Special Subscriptions		3 11 6		
Totals	2969	62 0 0	102 0 0	25 11 8
VIII. Devonport District.				
Devonport	905	18 10 0		9 12 0
Plymouth	872	24 0 0		12 10 7
Launceston	834	16 0 0		6 0 0
Holsworthy	613	7 15 0		2 10 0
Kilkhampton	520	5 8 0		3 15 0
Liakeard	642	9 6 6		3 8 2
Callington	505	7 5 0		3 15 0
Tavistock	500	7 10 0	30 0 0	5 0 0
Camelford	300	6 12 0	31 0 0	4 0 0
Kingsbridge	265	5 10 0	51 0 0	4 7 0
Brixham	158	3 0 0	10 0 0	2 2 0
Ashburton	312	6 10 0	70 0 0	3 10 0
Totals	6426	117 6 6	192 0 0	60 9 9

CIRCUITS.

IX. Cornwall District.

CIRCUITS.		Yearly			Grants.			July			
IX. Cornwall District.		Nos.	Collection.						Collection.		
			£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Redruth.....	1452		11	10	0	13	6	8	4	10	0
Camborne.....	1601		16	0	0				8	0	0
Falmouth.....	984		13	15	0				6	10	0
Truro.....	1384		14	10	0				9	0	0
Gwennap.....	1585		4	8	6				3	5	9
St. Agnes.....	968		6	10	0	35	0	0	3	2	0
St. Austle.....	967		12	15	6				9	0	0
St. Mawes.....	311		4	0	0	10	0	0	2	12	0
Bodmin.....	659		12	0	0	40	0	0	4	10	0
St. Columb.....	370		3	0	0	22	0	0	2	0	0
Penzance.....	1159		20	7	6				9	6	0
St. Just.....	1655		24	0	0				5	10	0
St. Ives.....	669		9	10	0				5	10	0
Scilly Islands.....	109		4	0	0				2	5	10
Helstone.....	1626		13	11	0	35	0	0	5	0	0
Hayle.....	1107		15	10	0	60	0	0	6	6	0
Marazion.....	565		4	0	0	27	0	0	3	0	0
Additional Subscriptions ..			3	4	0						
Totals	17171		192	11	6	242	6	8	89	7	7

X. Exeter District.

Exeter	600	13	10	0	50	0	0	7	10	0
Tiverton	259	4	10	0	11	0	0	5	0	0
Taunton, &c.	571	15	3	0				8	16	0
Bridgewater	308	5	0	0	12	0	0	3	10	0
South-Petherton	432	5	10	0	40	0	0	3	15	0
Axminster	50	0	16	9	31	1	10	0	8	0
Budleigh-Salterton	201	4	0	0	23	0	0	2	7	6
Bridport	297	8	2	6	5	0	0	4	4	0
Barnstaple	496	6	16	0	40	0	0	5	5	3
South-Moulton	268	3	5	0	17	0	0	2	10	0
Bideford	750	9	0	0				6	10	0
Dunster	312	7	0	0				4	1	2
Oakhampton	258	3	12	0	35	0	0	3	8	0
Teignmouth	350	9	8	6	94	0	0	6	17	3
Additional Subscriptions ..		0	14	1						
Totals	5152	96	7	10	358	1	10	64	2	2

XI. Bristol District.

Bristol, North	885	42	0	0	40	0	0	17	2	3
Bristol, South	605	20	0	0	40	0	0	7	15	0
Kingswood	365	9	10	0	35	0	0	4	6	6
Banwell	331	5	10	0	40	0	0	4	0	0
Weston-super-Mare	126	2	10	0	18	0	0	1	15	0
Stroud	504	9	4	0	75	0	0	8	6	0
Dursley	390	7	12	0	42	0	0	6	7	0
Downend	332	5	0	0	80	0	0	2	10	0
Gloucester	402	10	0	0	40	0	0	8	0	0
Tewkesbury	245	6	0	0	50	0	0	4	0	0
Cheltenham	569	26	0	0				11	13	0
Newport	725	15	10	0				13	0	0
Cardiff	462	13	10	0	55	0	0	8	16	0
Bridgend	132	3	14	0	18	0	0	3	10	11
Monmouth, &c.	236	3	16	0	88	16	0	2	16	0

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly	Grants.	July
		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Chepstow	195	8 3 0	40 0 0	2 2 0
Abergavenny	171	4 0 0	30 0 0	2 12 0
Pontypool	793	11 14 0	40 0 0	7 6 0
Ledbury.....	309	3 13 0	67 0 0	2 12 0
Hereford	307.	4 10 0	27 0 0	3 5 0
Totals.....	8084	206 16 0	825 16 0	121 14 8
XII. Bath District.				
Bath	537	18 9 0		10 0 0
Bradford, Wilts.....	597	11 0 0		6 13 6
Midsomer-Norton.....	1063	16 0 0		10 0 0
Frome	368	4 12 0		5 0 0
Warminster	57	0 14 0	65 0 0	0 16 4
Melksham	500	7 5 0	40 0 0	6 7 10
Devizes	125	2 4 0	40 0 0	2 14 0
Shepton-Mallet.....	800	10 5 0		5 15 10
Castle-Carey.....	180	1 15 6	15 0 0	1 15 7
Sherborne	536	9 1 0		4 10 0
Weymouth	574	14 0 0		7 12 6
Dorchester	412	8 5 0	17 0 0	4 2 0
Shaftesbury	747	10 10 0		6 6 0
Glastonbury	324	6 6 0		2 5 0
Additional Subscriptions ..		2 12 6		
Totals.....	6820	122 19 0	177 0 0	73 18 7
XIII. First South Wales District.				
(English Preaching.)				
Swansea.....	442	12 0 0	16 0 0	8 3 0
Merthyr-Tydvil	901	17 0 0		10 13 0
Brecon	202	7 0 0	30 0 0	5 17 0
Carmarthen	200	8 0 0	48 0 0	5 4 6
Haverford-West	551	14 0 0		8 10 0
Pembroke	454	8 15 0	12 0 0	4 16 0
Totals	2750	66 15 0	106 0 0	43 3 6
XIV. Second South Wales District.				
(Welsh Preaching.)				
Merthyr-Tydvil	495	6 14 6	10 0 0	1 10 0
Crickhowell	462	9 15 0		1 12 0
Cardiff	264	5 9 0	11 9 0	1 10 0
Cowbridge.....	137	2 16 6	12 8 3	0 18 0
Brecon	138	3 0 0	31 2 0	1 5 0
Llandilo	159	4 7 6	26 14 0	1 5 0
Carmarthen	328	6 16 0	21 16 8	2 3 0
Swansea.....	186	4 10 6	22 4 0	1 11 6
Lampeter and Cardigan ..	448	5 12 6	50 18 0	1 6 0
St. David's	89	2 15 6	32 10 0	0 16 0
Aberystwith	622	10 0 0		1 11 0
Machynlleth	412	5 10 6	17 12 4	1 5 9
Llanidloes	364	4 10 6	52 0 0	1 15 0
Totals	4094	71 18 0	288 9 3	18 8 3

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XV. *North Wales District.*
(*Welsh Preaching.*)

Noa.	Yearly Collection. £. s. d.	Grants. £. s. d.	July Collection. £. s. d.
Ruthin and Denbigh	569	8 12 0	21 0 0
Llangollen.....	452	5 10 0	10 14 6
Corwen	199	2 11 0	35 0 0
Llanrwst	220	2 10 0	20 5 0
Abergele and Conway	427	6 16 6	10 5 0
Holywell	676	8 3 0	20 0 0
Mold	467	8 3 0	54 2 0
Llanasa, near Holywell ..	455	5 5 0	1 15 0
Beaumaris.....	364	5 11 0	1 1 0
Amlwch.....	574	6 17 0	1 6 0
Carnarvon	371	4 0 6	1 8 0
Bangor	610	6 10 0	1 15 6
Pwllheli.....	317	3 12 0	1 4 0
Barmouth	382	5 3 0	1 3 0
Dolgelly	500	5 6 0	1 6 0
Llanfyllin	619	11 0 0	2 2 0
Llanfair	271	5 1 0	1 14 0
Totals	7473	100 11 0	27 1 6

XVI. *Birmingham and
Shrewsbury District.*

Birmingham, West	1438	41 8 0		32 19 1
Birmingham, East	978	23 16 0		17 10 0
West-Bromwich	683	19 0 0		23 4 8
Wednesbury	1953	47 10 0		37 0 0
Walsall	631	17 0 0	40 0 0	16 13 6
Wolverhampton	1227	45 10 0		37 1 0
Dudley	1673	33 6 0		34 0 0
Stourbridge	550	13 0 0	52 0 0	9 10 6
Stourport	505	11 1 6		8 1 0
Worcester	310	8 10 0	12 0 0	4 3 0
Bromsgrove	167	2 14 0	43 5 0	2 3 0
Evesham	231	4 0 0	41 0 0	4 4 0
Redditch	445	8 0 0		5 10 0
Coventry	320	5 11 0	58 0 0	3 14 0
Leamington	347	9 0 0		6 12 0
Stratford-upon-Avon	160	2 5 0	30 0 0	2 6 0
Hinckley	550	6 2 6		6 12 0
Shrewsbury	305	9 2 0	25 0 0	5 14 0
Madeley.....	989	20 6 0	35 0 0	13 0 0
Wellington	496	7 10 0	64 0 0	8 0 0
Ludlow	482	5 12 6	45 0 0	3 14 0
Kington.....	386	6 12 0	20 0 0	5 2 0
Totals.....	14796	346 15 6	465 5 0	236 13 9

XVII. *Macclesfield District.*

Macclesfield	1444	42 0 0		20 1 2
Buxton	400	10 0 0	40 0 0	5 1 6
Congleton	936	18 0 0		8 2 0
Nantwich and Crewe....	580	12 0 0	21 0 0	8 0 0
Northwich	642	16 10 0		13 0 0
Burslem	811	20 0 0		10 0 0
Tunstall.....	909	16 0 0		5 17 0
Newcastle-under-Lyne ..	583	10 10 0	40 0 0	6 6 0
Longton.....	330	7 0 0	40 0 0	6 2 9
Stafford	273	6 0 0	35 0 0	4 1 0

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CIRCUITS.	Noa.	Yearly	Grants.	July
		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Leek	1033	26 0 0		14 19 2
Uttoxeter	368	4 0 0		3 10 0
Cheadle	185	3 0 0	22 0 0	2 12 0
Additional Subscriptions ..		1 8 3		
Totals.....	8554	192 8 3	198 0 0	107 12 7

XVIII. *Liverpool District.*

Liverpool, North	903	47 0 0		31 14 0
Liverpool, South	1586	65 0 0		35 3 6
Birkenhead	466	21 0 0		13 13 6
Liverpool, Welsh	564	12 5 0		4 5 0
Chester	808	23 10 0		12 3 9
Mold and Buckley-Mount ..	85	1 12 0	44 0 0	1 5 0
Carnarvon and Bangor....	33	1 17 6	56 0 0	2 7 6
Holyhead	44	1 5 0	51 0 0	1 3 0
Wrexham	369	6 1 6	16 0 0	5 10 0
Whitchurch	487	8 14 6	26 5 0	8 3 0
Warrington	345	12 0 0	40 0 0	11 0 0
Runcorn	571	16 0 0		5 0 0
St. Helen's and Prescott ..	471	13 8 6	40 0 0	9 0 0
Southport and Ormakirk..	400	11 6 3	70 0 0	16 0 0
Wigan	468	9 6 0	35 0 0	7 15 0
Preston and Chorley.....	1174	25 10 0		22 0 0
Garstang	446	11 0 0	25 0 0	7 15 0
Lancaster	423	9 10 6	6 0 0	5 10 0
Newtown	583	8 0 0		6 0 0
Totals.....	10226	304 7 9	409 5 0	205 8 3

XIX. *Manchester and Bolton District.*

First Manchester	1306	55 0 0		33 7 11
Second Manchester	1464	53 5 0		31 6 9
Third Manchester.....	891	35 0 0		17 0 0
Fourth Manchester	749	26 0 0		14 7 0
Manchester, Welsh	183	3 5 0	9 10 0	0 15 6
Fifth Manchester	1178	60 0 0		28 5 0
Altrincham	457	14 0 0	40 0 0	9 11 6
Stockport, North	847	28 10 0		14 6 6
Stockport, South	688	15 0 0		7 2 0
New-Mills.....	471	12 18 0	35 0 0	4 11 1
Glossop	450	9 0 0	40 0 0	4 0 0
Ashton-under-Lyne.....	1014	17 5 0	21 0 0	10 5 0
Oldham	745	17 0 0		17 0 4
Saddleworth	120	3 10 0	21 10 0	2 0 0
Bolton	2076	60 0 0		38 18 4
Rochdale	1097	21 12 0		12 17 0
Burnley	1078	25 6 0		15 5 0
Bury	821	21 2 0		10 2 0
Blackburn	583	12 0 0		8 1 6
Haslingden	714	13 2 6		8 10 0
Bacup	1535	22 10 0		9 6 9
Colne	502	7 11 0	27 13 0	6 5 0
Clietheroe	460	7 6 0	8 10 0	4 0 8

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly Collection.	Grants.	July Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Leigh.....	420	6 0 0		5 10 0
A Public Meeting in the New-Mills Circuit		10 0 0		
Totals	19849	556 2 6	203 3 0	312 14 10
XX. Halifax and Bradford District.				
Halifax	1061	26 0 0		15 15 10
First Huddersfield	1060	17 8 3	21 0 0	2 7 0
Second Huddersfield	718	15 0 0		9 16 6
Holmfirth	502	7 0 0	20 0 0	6 0 0
Sowerby-Bridge	973	16 0 0		10 0 0
Todmorden	1128	11 8 0		8 2 7
Denby-Dale	245	3 2 6	40 0 0	2 5 0
Bradford, West	1499	41 5 7		17 7 9
Bradford, East	1463	26 11 0		18 18 0
Great-Horton	691	7 13 0	10 0 0	6 1 4
Keighley	1804	23 15 0		11 8 4
Bingley	912	10 0 0		6 10 0
Shipley	324	5 5 0		2 13 0
Skipton	450	7 0 0	40 0 0	4 14 2
Addingham	705	6 16 0	40 0 0	5 18 9
Grassington	366	3 3 3	24 0 0	2 0 0
Settle	335	3 15 0	33 10 9	2 16 1
Totals	14236	231 2 7	228 10 9	132 14 4
XXI. Leeds District.				
First Leeds	1466	61 0 0		20 4 0
Second Leeds	1628	63 4 10		24 3 10
Third Leeds	1257	27 1 0		11 14 1
Fourth Leeds	1246	28 0 0	40 0 0	10 9 0
Bramley	780	12 12 0	21 0 0	5 0 0
Wakefield	850	20 18 4		14 2 7
Birstal	1029	23 11 10		12 18 0
Dewsbury	1171	17 0 0		11 18 4
Knarborough	742	16 12 0		10 10 0
Otley	768	12 0 0		7 11 0
Pateley-Bridge	892	8 10 0	13 1 0	5 5 0
Pontefract	1393	28 16 0		19 10 0
Cleckheaton	166	4 0 3	30 0 0	3 0 0
Yeadon	391	5 2 0	20 0 0	2 2 0
Woodhouse-Grove	558	7 0 0	35 0 0	5 2 8
Totals	14327	335 8 3	159 1 0	163 10 6
XXII. Sheffield District.				
Sheffield, West	1360	49 0 0		30 7 0
Sheffield, East	1104	37 0 0	70 0 0	26 10 6
Chesterfield	394	7 15 0	80 0 0	6 0 0
Bakewell	113	2 1 3	40 0 0	1 12 0
Bradwell	550	4 12 0		5 0 0
Rotherham	516	19 11 9		11 14 7
Wath	535	10 5 6		6 3 0

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly Collection.	Grants.	July Collection.
		£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Doncaster	1472	20 0 0		15 7 8
Barnsley	557	16 2 6		11 0 0
Retford	1022	14 10 0	40 0 0	9 15 0
Worksop	546	7 7 0		4 14 0
Totals	8169	188 5 0	230 0 0	128 3 9

XXIII. Nottingham and Derby District.

Nottingham, South	1020	27 10 0	40 0 0	17 5 0
Nottingham, North	967	21 5 0		15 0 0
Ilkestone	249	3 12 0	30 0 0	3 1 0
Mansfield	674	10 15 0	24 0 0	7 0 0
Newark	1029	25 17 3		10 10 0
Bingham	463	6 0 0	40 0 0	4 15 0
Leicester	619	11 18 6		12 0 10
Melton-Mowbray	698	10 10 0		7 17 6
Oakham	241	4 0 0	15 0 0	2 1 0
Stamford	284	6 10 0	22 0 0	3 10 0
Grantham	428	7 5 0	60 0 0	8 10 0
Peterborough	465	6 13 6	27 0 0	5 0 0
Loughborough	658	8 18 6	40 0 0	7 0 0
Castle-Donington	491	6 6 0		5 0 2
Derby	912	25 17 3		17 10 0
Ashbourne	127	3 7 0	42 0 0	3 0 0
Belper	414	8 5 0	55 0 0	4 10 0
Ripley	280	5 17 1	25 0 0	4 19 8
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	554	11 5 0	30 0 0	10 0 0
Cromford	500	6 10 0	40 0 0	4 0 0
Burton-on-Trent	338	5 15 0	67 0 0	4 0 0
Totals	11361	223 17 1	557 0 0	156 10 2

XXIV. Lincoln District.

Lincoln	1501	30 0 0		15 15 1
Sleaford	1035	14 0 0		10 1 0
Market-Raisin	594	8 17 0	40 0 0	5 6 6
Louth	1200	20 0 5		9 19 9
Horncastle	1460	18 17 6		12 0 0
Alford	1154	17 0 0		8 5 0
Coningsby	303	4 7 3		2 12 10
Spilsby	736	10 16 3		6 0 0
Boston	1111	21 0 0		12 13 1
Wainfleet	572	8 4 2	40 0 0	4 11 9
Spalding	380	4 6 0	70 0 0	4 1 6
Bourne	205	4 0 0	28 0 0	1 16 6
Totals	10241	161 8 7	178 0 0	93 3 0

XXV. Hull District.

Hull, West	1610	50 0 0		18 0 0
Hull, East	1344	27 10 0		11 0 1
Beverley	499	13 11 0	24 0 0	8 0 0
Driffield	720	16 0 0		9 10 0
Howden	946	20 10 6		10 3 6

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly	Grants.	July
		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Patrington.....	432	8 12 6	58 0 0	3 1 0
Hornsea.....	402	8 14 0	18 0 0	4 2 0
Grimsby	1655	30 0 0		15 0 0
Gainsborough	1038	21 0 0		10 10 0
Epworth	591	8 6 0	20 0 0	4 12 8
Snaith	935	16 0 0		10 0 0
Brigg.....	615	9 0 0	30 0 0	6 5 0
Barton	1156	22 10 0		13 14 0
Bridlington	1060	21 0 0		12 0 0
Extra Contributions		7 17 6		
Totals	12983	280 11 6	150 0 0	135 18 3
XXVI. York District.				
York	2035	53 0 0		24 0 0
Tadcaster	822	19 0 0		10 12 0
Pocklington	931	16 4 6		9 6 0
Malton	950	15 0 0		7 10 0
Easingwold	1258	20 0 0		11 10 0
Scarborough	1500	31 10 0		18 18 0
Pickering	934	11 7 0		5 10 0
Thirak	818	15 5 0	40 0 0	8 5 0
Ripon	964	13 10 0		8 5 0
Selby	1173	28 0 0		13 5 10
Totals	11385	222 16 6	40 0 0	117 1 10
XXVII. Whitby and Darlington District.				
Whitby	1156	25 0 0		10 10 0
Stokesley	725	12 15 0	32 0 0	8 0 0
Darlington	703	20 0 0		10 11 9
Stockton	790	25 16 3		13 14 10
Barnard-Castle	585	9 4 6	80 0 0	5 0 0
Bishop-Auckland	510	10 10 0	40 0 0	7 0 0
Middleham	690	8 10 0	42 2 0	3 6 0
Richmond	332	6 3 10	22 6 11	4 13 9
Reeth	733	9 10 0		3 1 0
Bedale	794	9 6 4		5 2 0
Totals	7018	136 15 11	216 8 11	70 19 4
XXVIII. Newcastle District.				
Newcastle-on-Tyne	777	28 10 0	40 0 0	14 1 0
Gateshead	804	15 15 0		8 8 0
North-Shields	376	10 16 0		6 7 0
Blyth.....	190	2 13 0	23 0 0	1 4 0
South-Shields	347	6 13 9	34 0 0	3 12 11
Sunderland	787	22 2 8	40 0 0	14 1 10
Houghton-le-Spring	662	5 11 0		5 0 0
Durham.....	863	15 0 0		8 0 0
Wolsingham	580	8 0 0	20 0 0	3 10 0
Hexham	350	5 8 6	10 0 0	4 10 0
Shotley-Bridge	719	6 3 0		4 1 0
Alston	460	4 0 0	15 0 0	2 5 0

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CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly	Grants.	July
		Collection.		Collection.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Allendale-Town	444	3 15 6		1 12 0
Alnwick.....	97	3 0 0	11 0 0	0 18 3
Berwick.....	54	1 13 6	36 6 8	0 9 6
Morpeth.....	50	1 10 0	50 0 0	0 8 0
Totals	7560	140 11 11	279 6 8	78 8 6
XXIX. Carlisle District.				
Carlisle	245	9 12 0	24 0 0	4 7 0
Brampton	190	3 6 6	27 0 0	1 12 0
Whitehaven	252	4 5 0	26 0 0	1 12 0
Workington	414	3 10 0	20 0 0	2 10 0
Appleby	415	4 19 0		3 0 0
Penrith	725	13 15 6		7 16 6
Wigton and Keswick	192	3 10 0	81 0 0	2 10 0
Kendal	605	7 4 0	35 0 0	5 5 8
Ulverstone.....	220	5 9 0	35 0 0	4 12 0
Dumfries	52	1 13 0	43 0 0	0 7 0
Totals	3310	57 4 0	291 0 0	33 12 2
XXX. Isle of Man District.				
Douglas and Castletown ..	1263	16 0 0		6 14 0
Ramsay and Peel.....	1477	10 0 0		2 17 7
Totals	2740	26 0 0		9 11 7
XXXI. Edinburgh and Aberdeen District.				
Edinburgh.....	365	12 15 0	69 0 0	3 0 0
Dunbar	34	1 0 0	45 0 0	0 7 6
Greenock	71	1 0 0	35 0 0	1 2 0
Glasgow, West	456	11 6 3	40 0 0	2 5 3
Glasgow, East	181	3 6 0		0 10 0
Airdrie	327	1 8 0		0 10 0
Stirling and Doune	34	0 14 0	25 0 0	0 7 0
Ayr	82	1 11 0	30 0 0	0 10 0
Aberdeen	300	6 8 4	30 0 0	1 14 0
Dundee	110	3 5 0	18 0 0	0 8 0
Perth	69	2 8 6	42 0 0	0 8 0
Arbroath and Montrose ..	80	2 5 1	30 0 0	1 0 0
Banff	61	1 7 0	43 0 0	0 11 0
Inverness	48	1 1 0	28 0 0	0 10 0
Additional Subscriptions ..		3 1 1		
Totals	2218	52 16 3	435 0 0	13 2 9
XXXII. Shetland Isles District.				
Lerwick.....	563	5 0 0	155 10 0	1 12 0
Walls.....	432	1 4 0	92 13 4	0 14 0
Northmavin, &c.	174	1 5 0	81 15 4	0 16 0
North Isles	172	1 0 0	60 1 4	0 11 0
Totals	1341	8 9 0	390 0 0	3 13 0

**GENERAL VIEW OF THE NUMBERS, AND THE YEARLY
AND JULY COLLECTIONS, AND ORDINARY DEFICIENCIES, 1853.**

DISTRICTS.	Nos.	Yearly Collection.			Grants.			July Collection.		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
London	17970	568	10	6	792	0	0	373	3	10
Bedford & North- ampton	9724	179	13	5	411	0	0	118	7	0
Kent.....	5827	124	14	8	318	0	0	89	19	3
Norwich and Lynn	6168	102	17	5	474	0	0	74	13	1
Oxford.....	6010	103	12	2	340	12	11	84	9	1
Portsmouth.....	4213	91	4	6	243	6	8	75	6	0
Guernsey.....	2969	62	0	0	102	0	0	25	11	8
Devonport	6426	117	6	6	192	0	0	60	9	9
Cornwall	17171	192	11	6	242	6	8	89	7	7
Exeter.....	5152	96	7	10	358	1	10	64	2	2
Bristol.....	8084	206	16	0	825	16	0	121	14	8
Bath.....	6820	122	19	0	177	0	0	73	18	7
1st South Wales..	2750	66	15	0	106	0	0	43	3	6
2d South Wales..	4094	71	18	0	288	9	3	18	8	3
North Wales	7473	100	11	0	356	6	6	27	1	6
Birmingham and Shrewsbury....	14796	346	15	6	465	5	0	286	13	9
Macclesfield	8554	192	8	3	198	0	0	107	12	7
Liverpool.....	10226	304	6	9	409	5	0	205	8	3
Manchester and Bolton	19849	556	2	6	203	3	0	312	14	10
Halifax & Bradford	14236	231	2	7	228	10	9	132	14	4
Leeds	14327	335	8	3	159	1	0	163	10	6
Sheffield	8169	188	5	0	230	0	0	128	3	9
Nottingham and Derby	11361	223	17	1	557	0	0	156	10	2
Lincoln	10241	161	8	7	178	0	0	93	3	0
Hull.....	12983	280	11	6	150	0	0	135	18	3
York	11385	222	16	6	40	0	0	117	1	10
Whitby and Dar- lington.....	7018	136	15	11	216	8	11	70	19	4
Newcastle-on-Tyne	7560	140	11	11	279	6	8	78	8	6
Carlisle	3310	57	4	0	291	0	0	33	12	2
Isle of Man.....	2740	26	0	0				9	11	7
Edinburgh and Aberdeen.....	2218	52	16	3	435	0	0	13	2	9
Shetland Isles....	1341	8	9	0	390	0	0	3	13	0
Totals	270965	5667	17	1	9657	0	2	3388	14	6

2.—EXTRAORDINARIES.

(1.)—TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

	£.	s.	d.
Brother Whitehead, from Hexham to Ware.....	5	0	0
Mellor, from Stroud to Manningtree.....	4	4	0
Bramley, from Bridgend to Sevenoaks	3	0	0
Orchard, jun., from Brecon to Uxbridge	1	15	0
W. Davies, 1st, from Dursley to Hitchin	4	0	0
Rathbone, from Deal to Huntingdon	2	0	0
Mainwaring, from New-Buckenham to Market-Harborough ...	4	0	0
Worth, from Chichester to Sandhurst	2	0	0
Tucker, from Oundle to Bungay	2	10	0
Hopkins, from Tavistock to North-Walsham	7	0	0
E. Crofts, from Dorking to New-Buckenham	5	0	0
Hannah, from Aberdeen to Lynn	10	0	0
Lowthian, from Bridgend to Swaffham	10	0	0
Needle, from Wolsingham to High-Wycombe	5	0	0
W. Baker, jun., from Market-Raisen to Kineton	5	0	0
J. Nowell, 2d, from South-Petherton to Buckingham	3	0	0
Hugill, from Crediton to Launceston	2	0	0
T. R. Jones, from Shaftesbury to Tavistock.....	3	0	0
Ryan, 2d, from Tavistock to Kingsbridge.....	1	16	0
Bartholomew, from High-Wycombe to Brixham	6	0	0
Trethewey, from Kingsbridge to Redruth.....	4	0	0
Rodman, from Bourne to Redruth.....	3	0	0
Blencowe, from Leighton-Buzzard to Camborne.....	5	0	0
Worker, from Holt to Gwennap.....	8	0	0
Saunders, from South-Petherton to Budleigh-Salterton	1	10	0
John Bate, from Appleby to Oakhampton	3	0	0
Murray, from Addingham to Teignmouth	4	0	0
Denham, from Stratford-on-Avon to Dursley	1	10	0
Giles, from Downham to Pontypool	3	0	0
W. H. Lewis, from Carnarvon to Warminster.....	6	6	0
C. E. Woolmer, from Dover to Melksham	1	10	0
Wedlock, from Sheerness to Portland	5	5	0
Crowe, from Spilsby to Dorchester	3	10	0
Janion, from Coventry to Glastonbury.....	3	3	0
Joseph Fletcher, from Downend to Pembroke.....	2	10	0
J. Jones, 2d, from Llanidloes to Llandilo	4	0	0
Rees, from Cowbridge to Machynlleth.....	6	0	0
Herbert, from Machynlleth to Llanidloes.....	1	10	0
E. Davies, from Llangollen to Mold.....	1	0	0
J. R. Chambers, from Liverpool to Dolgelly	3	0	0
Morgan, from Llandilo to Llanfair	5	0	0
E. Moulton, from Ipswich to Worcester	4	0	0
Stott, from Ludlow to Evesham.....	2	5	0
Cotton, from Kilkhampton to Ludlow	5	0	0
Strachan, from Reading to Burnley	6	6	0
J. Cheeswright, from Rye to Clitheroe	4	0	0

TRAVELLING EXPENSES,—*Continued.*

	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Brother Mann, from Walsingham to Denby-Dale	4	10	0
Imisson, from Wolsingham to Yeadon	4	10	0
Weatherstone, from Dursley to Oakham	6	0	0
Whittingham, from Market-Raisen to Loughborough.....	1	10	0
Buckley, from Horsham to Loughborough	3	10	0
Birley, from Newcastle-under-Lyne to Market-Raisen	2	2	0
T. Hughes, from Wisbeach to Market-Raisen.....	2	10	0
Bamford, from Wellington to Spilsby	2	5	0
Mortimer, from Swaffham to Gainsborough.....	4	10	0
H. Wilkinson, from Ripley to Epworth	2	0	0
Mansie, from Bakewell to Brigg	2	0	0
Rossell, from Isle of Man to Malton.....	4	0	0
George Smith, 1st, from North-Walsham to Malton	4	0	0
Thomas Pearson, 3d, from Alnwick to Pickering.....	2	0	0
Ingham, from Masham to Whitby	3	10	0
Budden, from Andover to Barnard-Castle	5	0	0
Currelly, from Ulverstone to Bedale.....	3	10	0
Randerson, from Louth to Sunderland.....	3	17	6
Pedley, from Newtown to Houghton-le-Spring	5	0	0
Bissell, from Brigg to Shotley-Bridge	4	0	0
Clement, from Brackley to Workington	6	0	0
Burrows, from Coleford to Wigton	9	0	0
Chawner, from Stamford to Keswick.....	2	0	0
Patterson, from Morpeth to Ulverstone	4	0	0
Collier, from Axminster to the Isle of Man	6	6	0
Mearns, from Wigton to Leith	2	0	0
Joshua Mason, from Richmond to Peterhead	2	10	0
Heater, from Hexham to Aberdeen	1	10	0
G. Turner, 2d, from Leith to Dundee	1	0	0
J. T. Barr, from Barnard-Castle to Inverness	10	0	0
	£298	0	6

(2.)—AFFLICTIONS.

	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Brother W. O. Booth, (Deptford,) for peculiar affliction of his son... 10 0 0	10	0	0
Payne, (Croydon,) for severe domestic affliction	15	0	0
Mellor, (Manningtree,) for family affliction	5	0	0
Worth, (Sandhurst,) on account of the continued affliction of his son	15	0	0
Rigby, (Norwich,) for frequent and severe family affliction	10	0	0
Hulme, (Yarmouth,) for personal affliction	5	0	0
Aldis, (Framlingham,) for domestic affliction	4	10	0
Crofts, (New-Buckingham,) for heavy and protracted family affliction	20	0	0
Fitzgerald, (Lynn,) for great family affliction	10	0	0
Dalby, for family affliction, &c. (previously omitted)	10	0	0
Hague, (Downham,) for great family affliction	10	0	0
Owen, (Wisbeach,) for long-continued personal affliction	10	0	0
Baddeley, (Thetford,) for family affliction	5	0	0
Needle, (High-Wycombe,) for personal and family affliction.....	4	0	0
W. Baker, jun., (Kineton,) for severe and protracted family affliction	15	0	0

AFFLICTIONS,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
Brother Driver, (Watlington,) for severe and long-continued family affliction	12	0	0
J. P. Johnson, (Thame,) for severe and protracted family affliction	12	0	0
Handcock, (Jersey,) for severe and protracted personal affliction	25	0	0
Hugill, (Launceston,) for domestic affliction	4	0	0
Late T. Jewell, (Holsworthy,) for severe affliction	8	0	0
Ditto, funeral expenses	12	0	0
Bartholomew, (Brixham,) for long and severe domestic affliction	10	0	0
Murray, (Teignmouth,) for severe and long-continued domestic affliction	10	0	0
Salt, (Downend,) for severe and long-protracted domestic affliction	20	0	0
Appleby, (Cardiff,) on account of domestic affliction	10	0	0
Giles, (Pontypool,) on account of severe and protracted personal affliction	20	0	0
Orchard, sen., (Frome,) for long and severe domestic affliction...	10	0	0
C. E. Woolmer, (Melksham,) for family affliction	10	0	0
W. Baker, sen., (Shaftesbury,) for peculiar affliction of his son...	15	0	0
Wedlock, (Weymouth,) on account of his peculiar affliction	5	0	0
Roberts, (Merthyr-Tydvil,) for protracted and heavy personal and family affliction.....	12	0	0
J. Jones, (Abergele,) for long and severe family affliction.....	8	0	0
Vibert, (Bromsgrove,) for protracted and severe family affliction	15	0	0
Jeffery, (Hinckley,) for long-continued and peculiar affliction ...	15	0	0
Weir, (Leamington,) for severe and expensive affliction.....	15	0	0
Late Brother Hocken, for long and severe affliction	20	0	0
Ditto, funeral expenses	12	0	0
J. Bell, for severe family affliction	15	0	0
Petch, (Otley,) for severe family affliction	10	0	0
Brown, (Bingham,) on account of severe family affliction	6	0	0
Weatherstone, (Oakham,) for family affliction	4	0	0
Hawthorne, (Burton,) for severe affliction	12	0	0
Dennis, (Cromford,) on account of long and severe family affliction	5	0	0
Parkinson, (Sleaford,) for severe and protracted domestic affliction	5	0	0
Butters, (Bourne,) for lengthened and severe domestic affliction	10	0	0
Brown, (Driffield,) on account of personal and family affliction	20	0	0
A. Barber, (Bridlington,) on account of family affliction	10	0	0
Woodward, (Blyth,) for severe and long-continued affliction.....	10	0	0
J. T. Barr, (Inverness,) for severe and long-continued family affliction	10	0	0
S. Dixon, (Stamford,) for family affliction	5	0	0
M'Lean, for peculiar and severe affliction	17	17	0
	£568	7	0

(3).—FURNITURE.

	£.	s.	d.
Chepstow	40	0	0
Ledbury	40	0	0
Stroud	40	0	0
Blyth and Morpeth.....	40	0	0
Wolsingham.....	40	0	0
	£200	0	0

(4.)—MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

	£.	s.	d.
Late Brother Clough, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	4	16	0
Towards Brother Barker's deficiency in Maldon	15	0	0
Supplying Brother Horwood's place in Maldon	2	4	0
Towards Brother Orchard's deficiency in Uxbridge	10	0	0
Deficiencies in Leyton Circuit	30	0	0
Brother William Davies, 1st, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Towards Brother Mainwaring's deficiencies in Market-Harborough	20	0	0
Brother Worth, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Brother Church, carriage of boxes from Penzance to Rochester ...	4	15	0
Brother Hopkins, deficiency in North-Walsham	12	0	0
Brother Aldis, deficiency in Framlingham	35	0	0
Brother Croft, deficiency in New-Buckenham	10	0	0
Brother Lowthian, deficiency in Swaffham	15	0	0
Brother Willis, deficiency in Holt.....	9	0	0
Brother Mollard, deficiency in Downham	10	0	0
Brother Stott, deficiency in Walsingham	40	0	0
Supplying Brother Owen's place in Wisbeach.....	10	0	0
Brother J. Allen, 2d, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Brother Aldis, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Brother Hannah, deficiency in Aberdeen (omitted last year)	25	0	0
Towards the deficiencies of the Ministers in Andover	32	0	0
A supply in the Oxford Circuit.....	25	4	0
Brother Robin, deficiency in Alderney.....	16	0	0
Brother De Putron, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	1	0	0
Brother Bartholomew, deficiency in Brixham	25	0	0
Brother Moody, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Brother Job, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary.....	2	18	9
Brother Jewett, deficiency in Axminster.....	30	0	0
Brother Saunders, deficiency in Budleigh-Salterton	20	0	0
Supplying the place of Brother Giles in Pontypool.....	15	15	0
Brother C. Cooke's Assistant in Bristol North (in part).....	21	0	0
Brother S. Brown, deficiency in Swaffham (omitted last year)	16	0	0
Brother Janion, towards deficiency (omitted last year)	20	0	0
Brother Lewis, towards deficiency in Castle-Carey	16	0	0
Supplying the place of the late Brother Morgan in Sherborne	28	0	0
Expenses of Minor District-Meetings in Bath.....	13	13	0
Expenses of a Minor District-Meeting in Second South Wales.....	3	14	0
Brother Anwyl, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Brother Bonner, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Brother J. Goodwin, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	5	0	0
Brother Totherick, for horse-hire	5	0	0
Supplying the place of late Brother Hocken	8	8	0
Brother J. Bell, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary... ..	4	0	0
Brother T. Stephenson, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	2	5	0
Brother T. H. Walker, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	2	10	0
Brother Hesik, deficiency in Bakewell	4	0	0
Brother Weatherstone, deficiency in Oakham	8	0	0
Brother James Wilson, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	2	0	0
Supplying Brother Birley's place in Market-Raisen	5	5	0
Supplying Brother Binning's place in Alford	9	5	0

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
Brother Hughes, deficiency in Wisbeach (omitted last year).....	4	0	0
Brother R. Bond, carriage of luggage to Louth	5	0	0
Supplying Brother Edgoose's place in Thirsk	5	5	0
Supplying Brother Brown's place in Driffield	15	15	0
Brother Bate, for horse-hire	7	0	0
Supplying Brother Woodward's place in Blyth	10	10	0
Brother Railton, on account of peculiar circumstances	15	0	0
Brother Hanson, deficiency in Blyth	8	0	0
Brother Ballingall, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Brother G. Abbott, a newly-married Minister (omitted)	24	0	0
Brother Edgar, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary ...	1	0	0
Brother John Stephenson's visit to and from Shetland	8	5	0
Minor District-Meeting in Manchester.....	1	8	6
Brother Barr, deficiency in Inverness	10	0	0
Brother John Lewis, for horse-hire	10	0	0
The expenses of Brother Methley in attending the North Wales District-Meeting	1	17	6
Brother Worker, deficiency in Holt.....	20	0	0
Brother Badcock, deficiency in Holt	20	0	0
Chairmen's visits to solitary stations	49	9	1
Expenses of a Financial Meeting in Manchester.....	19	11	6
Parliamentary Papers, printing, advertising, and other expenses of the Committee of Privileges	9	13	9
The Corresponding Secretary of the Contingent Fund, for Circuit-schedules, postages, and travelling expenses	6	11	1
Printing Pastoral Addresses and other Connexional Documents ...	125	6	1
Printing Yearly and July Collection papers	48	0	0
Expenses attending the Special Examination, in London, of Candidates for our Ministry.....	58	17	0
Treasurers' stationery, letters, parcels, and box, &c.	3	0	0
Treasurers' travelling expenses to Conference (in part)	2	10	0
The expenses of the President in visiting Scotland	6	10	0
The expenses of the President in attending the Irish Conference ...	8	13	0
The expenses of the President in attending the South Wales District-Meeting	6	3	0
Other travelling expenses of the President on Connexional business ..	9	11	3
The expenses of Dr. Hannah in attending the Irish Conference ...	6	6	0
The President's and Secretary's official letters, stationery, carriage of parcels, &c.	8	0	0
The President's Assistant	80	0	0
Interest of Money borrowed, and Bank commission	433	3	9
Interest of Money borrowed by the Committee for Defending the Property of the Connexion	227	15	0
Allowed for Furniture to Supernumeraries and Widows	330	0	0
Supplying Brother M'Lean's place in Lincoln.....	15	15	0
A new Conference-box	1	9	4
Expenses of a Deputation to Scotland	22	10	0
Allowed to two Ministers retiring from the Connexion	80	0	0
Amount of Miscellaneous Expenses	2,400	8	7
Ditto, Travelling Expenses.....	298	0	6
Ditto, Afflictions	568	7	0
Ditto, Furniture	200	0	0
Total amount of Extraordinaries	£3,466	16	1

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Dr. 1853.	<i>The Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.</i>		Per Contra.		Cr. 1853.
	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	
To Yearly Collection, 1853	5,667	17 1	By Balance due to the Treasurers, August, 1852	6,834	1 2
To July Collection, 1853	3,388	14 6	By Amount paid for Ordinary Deficiencies, 1853	9,637	0 2
To additional July Collection from Helstone	2	2 6	By Amount paid for Extraordinary Deficiencies, 1853	3,466	16 1
To additional July Collection from Sherborne ...	1	19 4	By Grant for Ireland.....	650	0 0
To additional July Collection from Sheffield, East	0	16 0			
To additional July Collection from Rochester ...	4	16 0			
To Payment from the Executors of the late Robert Scott, Esq., towards the support of the work of God in Shetland	85	3 10			
To Legacy from the late Miss Harvey (less Property-tax)	23	6 0			
To Cash from Nottingham North, as per agreement	40	0 0			
To Amount received from the Missionary Committee, in compensation for returned Missionaries, taken into the work at home	630	0 0			
To Amount returned from the High-Wycombe Circuit	8	1 0			
To Donation from M. Beverley, Esq.	5	0 0			
To Balance due to the Treasurers, August, 1853.	10,750	1 2			
	<u>£20,607 17 5</u>				<u>£20,607 17 5</u>

Examined and found correct, with a Balance of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, One Shilling, and Two Pence due to the Treasurers.

THOMAS HOLMES,
GEORGE PARKINSON.

August 13th, 1853.

III.

**ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHILDREN'S
FUND FOR THE YEAR 1852-1853.**

Treasurers, — JOHN LOFTHOUSE and S. D. WADDY.

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No. CXI.

BIRMINGHAM, July 26, 1854.

Q. 1. WHO ARE NOW ADMITTED AS Ministers INTO FULL CON-
NEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain*, George E. Allen, Samuel Atkin-
son, 2d, Benjamin Browne, John Dixon, David Evans, 2d,
George Follows, William J. Frankland, Edward Guest, Thomas
Haslam, George P. Hester, John Hughes, 2d, John Knowles, 2d,
George Lough, Alfred Mewton, Charles Nuttall, Henry Parry,
John Pogson, James L. Posnet, Thomas S. Raby, Francis J. Sharr,
Samuel S. Taylor, William J. Tweddle, Thomas Wilde, Charles
J. Williams, Joseph Williams, William L. Wingell ;—

• [John Hutchings has retired for want of health ;—]

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, William Beach, Charles H.
Bishop, Thomas Cannell, Richard Fletcher, Ebenezer A.
Gardiner, Joseph Gaskin, Robert Gilbert, Theophilus S.
Gregory, Henry P. Wilson ;

Also, John Armstrong, 3d, George Douglas, William Holds-
worth, James Kerr, Paul Rodrigo, George W. Tuttle, Charles
White, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

3. In *Ireland*, John Gilcrist, Robert Hazleton, Thomas A.
M'Kee, Thomas Pearson, John R. Porter, William Quaile.

Q. II. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain*, George Bowden, William H. Cave,
James Chalmers, M.A., John Cope, William W. Duke, Isaac
Gould, William Hamar, Edwin Hirst, John Hooton, Walter P.
Johns, Robert Jones, 3d, John Longden, Albert H. M'Tier,
George W. Olver, B.A., Theophilus Pearson, John Rhodes,
Robert Stephenson, B.A., William Swindells, Edward A. Telfer,
George Walker, James R. Webb, Humphrey M. Wightwick,
Robert N. Young ;—

2. In our *Foreign Missions*,

(1.) Aaron Edman, who has travelled four years, is continued
on trial on account of the state of his health ;

(2.) Thomas M. Albrighton, George Piercy, Lionel D. Reay,
Joseph Rylance ;

Also, John Ossu Ansah, Alexander B. Black, George P.
Brown, Joseph Dawson, Thomas Gaetz, Timothy Laing, Frederick
W. Moore, D. Henry Pereira, Joseph H. Starr, William Tweedy,
Assistant Missionaries ;—

3. In *Ireland*, John W. Ballard, Thomas Guard, Thomas
Moran, William G. Price ;—

These have travelled THREE YEARS :

1. In *Great Britain*, John A. Armstrong, Frederick Balls, Robert Balshaw, William Barrowclough, George O. Bate, Joseph Bellamy, Alfred Beresford, Charles Bingant, John Bond, Thomas Brackenbury, Joseph Bush, John Cooper, Edwin Cox, Joseph Dyson, William H. W. Evans, William Gibson, B.A., George Holbrey, Featherstone Kellett, Charles Lawton, William Mollard, Thomas Natrass, Jakeh Oats, Thomas L. Parker, William Pepperell, Henry J. Piggott, B.A., James Prescott, Marshall Randles, William Robinson, William Unsworth, John S. Vint, Samuel Wray;—

[William Dodsworth has retired for want of health;—]

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, William Barber, James H. Bishop, Arminius Burgess, Josiah Cox, John Moses, Paul Prestwood, Tilney Rising, John Smith, 4th;

Also, Othello Bayard, Alexander M. Desbrisay, George N. A. F. T. Dickson, Joseph Fernando, Simon Gaspersen, James Hobday, Henry Pereira, John S. Phinney, James Solomon, Henry Tindall, *Assistant Missionaries*;—

3. In *Ireland*, George Alley, Robert Crook, A.B., James Edwards, Oliver M'Cutcheon, John D. Powell, John Wilson, Charles Wood;—

These have travelled two YEARS:

1. In *Great Britain*, Stephen Cox, Owen Evans, Richard Green, Jonathan Henshall, Henry C. Howard, Henry Oldfield, George S. Rowe, James D. Tetley, Thomas Trethewey;—

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, John Bridgart, James H. Cheeswright, Samuel Hutton, Henry Pimm, John Preston, William O. Simpson, Samuel J. Smith, Edward D. Webb;

Also, Duncan Currie, Robert Duncan, Peter James Evers, Charles Gaskin, William H. Griffith, Joseph Hart, Gilbert Irvine, Hezekiah M'Keoun, William C. M'Kinnon, George Payson, Charles Stewart, Robert Tweedy, *Assistant Missionaries*;—

3. In *Ireland*, Thomas Cooke, James Donnelly, William Gorman, Samuel Patterson;—

These have travelled ONE YEAR.

Q. III. What Preachers are NOW RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

1. In *Great Britain*, John Jones, 4th, William Morgan, Rowland Whittington, Richard Williams;—

2. In our *Foreign Missions*, Robert Dillon, Francis Moon, Francis Teal;

Also, Samuel Avery, Edward Bickersteth, John J. Corlett, François Eldin, Edward J. Fynn, Elias Gloria, George Goone-wardene, Thomas Harris, 2d, George S. Milligan, A.M., Samuel G. Philips, Thomas B. Smith, William Walker, *Assistant Missionaries*;—

3. In *Ireland*, Robert Carey, William C. Doonan, Francis Douglas, William Hopkins, Wilson J. Storey, William Swanton.

The following PREACHERS ON TRIAL will, if approved, be in due time admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the AUSTRAL-ASIAN CONFERENCE :—

William Byrnes, William Hill, 2d, John W. Pemell, James Somerville ;—

These have travelled FIVE YEARS :

John Polglase, William P. Wells ;

Also, William Moore, John C. Symons, Joseph Waterhouse, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

These have travelled FOUR YEARS :

John Fordham, Theophilus Taylor, John Vercoe, William Wilson, 5th ;

Also, Joel Bulu, Joseph Dare, Joseph Fillingham, Robert C. Flockhart, John Latu, Charles W. Rigg, Paul Vea, Samuel Waterhouse, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

These have travelled THREE YEARS :

John Bowes, John Faubula, George Pickering, William J. K. Piddington, Peter Vi, *Assistant Missionaries* ;—

These have travelled ONE YEAR.

Q. IV. What Ministers have DIED since the last Conference ?

A. 1. In *Great Britain*, the *twenty* following :—

(1.) DAVID EDGAR ; who was born at Allendale-Town, in the year 1815. He found peace with God, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, when about sixteen years of age, and early began to call sinners to repentance. His religion was deep and consistent ; his mental character, earnest and energetic. In 1839 he entered our ministry, in which he continued to labour nearly to the end of life with fidelity and success. His preaching was solemn, plain, and solid, as that of one who prized edification above all things. He was sincerely attached to the economy of Methodism, and diligent in his official duties. By his constant attention to pastoral visitation, as also by the truly spiritual character of his public teaching, he greatly endeared himself to the people of his charge. For the last few years he endured much affliction ; but his soul was preserved in patience, and he frequently said, "In mercy He afflicteth me."

"Jesu, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly."

A few days before he died, he repeated the hymn beginning,—

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me," &c. ;

and, on ending it, said, "It is there I am resting. None but Christ! none but Christ!" He died in great peace, August 12th, 1853, in the thirty-eighth year of his age.

(2.) DANIEL JONES; a native of Denbighshire. He was converted to God in his youth; and, after experiencing the happiness of religion in his own heart, he felt a yearning pity for guilty sinners, who had not yet known the Saviour. He was a young man of strong and powerful mind, solid judgment, and sound principle. His temper was mild, his manners conciliating, and his character unsullied. He was a sincere Christian, a staunch Methodist, and a very useful Preacher. Many have possessed more brilliant, but few more substantial and useful, talents. He did not seek to preach the Gospel of Christ with "enticing words of man's wisdom, but with the demonstration of the Spirit and of power." He would not pander to the curiosity of speculative hearers, but desired to enlighten the mind, cheer the heart, confirm the faith, and improve the life of God's people. As he lived, so he died, resting with unwavering confidence on the atonement of his Lord. He was seized with typhus fever; and, after suffering a complication of disorders, sank in death, to rise again in the realms of glory. Some of his last words were, "Christ is all, and in all." He died September 1st, 1853, in the thirty-fourth year of his age, and the eighth of his ministry.

(3.) RICHARD WADDY; who was born at Bilton, in the county of York, November 24th, 1769. His parents were strictly moral, and endeavoured to imbue his mind with right principles, and to restrain him from associating with evil company, especially on the Lord's day. He joined a Methodist class at about eighteen years of age, obtained the blessing of justification through faith in the atonement while pleading with God in prayer upon the city-walls of York, and shortly afterwards began to preach the Gospel; his piety, zeal, and talents pointing him out as designed by the Head of the church for this sphere of labour. The blessing of God manifestly attended his early attempts; and he, as well as others, became impressed with a conviction that he was called of God to the work of the Christian ministry. After resisting the call for some time, he yielded to what evidently appeared to be the will of God, consecrated himself anew, engaged with earnestness and zeal in labours of usefulness, placed himself at the disposal of the Conference, and, in 1793, was appointed to Berwick-upon-Tweed. Having spent six years in Scotland, amid many trying interruptions, aggravated by the perplexities of the times, and the extreme poverty of the Societies among whom his lot was cast, Mr. Waddy was appointed to an English Circuit; and he continued to labour until the year 1847, with great zeal and regularity, enjoying almost uninterrupted health, and fulfilling the duties of his office with conscientious punctuality. As a Preacher, he was energetic

and earnest, clear in his evangelical views and statements, apt in his illustrations, attentive to the application of his sermons, and occasionally very powerful and searching in his appeals. God owned his labours, and many will be his crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord. He shared the confidence and affection of his brethren. They entrusted him with the management of some of their most important Circuits, and appointed him to some of their most responsible offices. He was sensitively anxious to secure and maintain their esteem; and, by the grace of God, was enabled to pass through his long ministerial career, often in circumstances of great difficulty, without a spot or a suspicion on his personal or public character. He was of a cheerful and happy disposition, ardent and faithful in his friendships, transparent and guileless in his purposes, a man to be loved and trusted. In the year 1847 he became a Supernumerary at Southampton, and for some time continued to supply pretty regularly a small chapel in the suburbs; but infirmities increased rapidly upon him, so that he was compelled to relinquish all pulpit labour. He fixed his residence within sight of that sanctuary; and, in spite of extreme infirmity, he was found with punctuality and devotion waiting on God in His house,—his attendance on all the means of grace being constant and most exemplary. His statements of experience were expressive of humble and hearty confidence in Christ, and of regret that he could no longer labour in His cause. Although failure of memory and indistinctness of speech now rendered him generally incapable of taking an active part in conducting the services, there were occasions on which his youth appeared to be renewed like the eagle's, and the congregations were astonished and edified by the intelligence, distinctness, and power of his public prayers. His last affliction was short, and much of the time passed in partial or total unconsciousness. In brighter moments he delighted to have his sons praying at his bedside, and gave brief but definite and satisfactory answers, when questioned as to his spiritual state and prospects. After a long and useful life, he gently sank away; and died on the 4th of October, 1853, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and the sixty-first of his ministry.

(4.) ANTHONY TRIFFIT; who was born at Stillingfleet, near York, where he was convinced of sin while hearing a Local Preacher declare the truth as it is in Jesus. In this state of mind he continued some time; until, at a lovefeast held in the city, he found peace with God, while the congregation were singing the following lines:—

“He breaks the power of cancell'd sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood avail'd for me.”

Soon after his conversion to God, he began to call sinners to re-

penitance in the chapel in which he had himself been convinced of sin by the Spirit of God; and he subsequently entered the Christian ministry, the labours of which he continued to prosecute nearly thirty years. During the greater part of the time that he was a Supernumerary, his feeble health prevented his undertaking much active duty; but his attachment to Methodism never wavered or declined. In the illness which preceded his death, his spirit appeared to be greatly mellowed by increased religious feeling. He was much engaged in meditation and prayer, and frequently exclaimed, "Blessed Jesus! blessed Jesus!" His death was not immediately expected by those around him. On the morning of the day on which it occurred, he engaged, as usual, in family prayer. About noon, on November 2d, 1853, his spirit took its departure, in the seventy-sixth year of his age, and the fiftieth of his ministry.

(5.) WILLIAM CLEGG; who was born at Perth, in the year 1814. He was favoured with a religious training under the care of a father who was a respected Minister of our communion. He was converted in early life, during a gracious awakening among the boys at Woodhouse-Grove school. When about fifteen years of age he joined our church, which he adorned by a life of deep and exemplary piety. Being powerfully convinced that it was his duty to devote himself to the work of the ministry, he relinquished his beloved pursuits and promising prospects as a medical student, entering on the duties of his sacred calling in 1838; which he fulfilled with ability, faithfulness, and success, until the failure of his health in 1851. During three years he had the care of the English congregation in Calais, where his faithful preaching and pastoral visits were rendered very successful. When laid aside by sickness, he retired to Ventnor, in the Isle of Wight; but, being persuaded that further change would be beneficial to his health, he took a voyage to Australia, whence he returned, in December, 1853, somewhat improved; but, landing in damp weather, he took a cold, which, in a few days terminated his life. He was a man of respectable attainments, deep piety, holy and upright life; of a most affectionate disposition, joined with great simplicity of character, and modest and retiring habits; a man deservedly esteemed by all who knew him. He died in great peace, giving the most satisfactory evidence to his sorrowing friends of departing "to be with Christ," on the 9th of December, 1853, in the thirty-ninth year of his age, and the fifteenth of his ministry.

(6.) JOHN SHIPMAN, of Cheddar, in the Banwell Circuit; who was born at Sheffield, in the year 1788. He became in early life the subject of saving grace, and shortly afterwards began to call sinners to repentance. In 1810 he was received as a candidate for the Wesleyan ministry; and, having been employed in the Home Work four years, was appointed to the West Indies, where he

laboured for eleven years with great usefulness, and with the full confidence and esteem of his brethren. On his return to this country, he was acceptably engaged in the same sacred work for twenty-five years. He became a Supernumerary at the Conference of 1850, and fixed his residence at Cheddar, where he made himself very useful, and was greatly beloved. Mr. Shipman was a man of deep piety, of a meek and quiet spirit, of fervent and frequent prayer, and of unblamable Christian temper and deportment. As a Preacher, he was plain, pointed, and faithful; as a Pastor, affectionate and solicitous for the welfare of his flock; and as a friend and colleague, he was distinguished by his Christian courtesy and affability. On his retirement to Cheddar, he became the Leader of two classes, whom he greatly edified by his spirituality, and the richness of his experience. He was remarkable for his attachment to Wesleyan principles; and his last message to his family was, "Tell them to cleave close to God and to Methodism." His end was hastened by his anxious exertions to secure the erection of a new chapel at Cheddar; which, to his great delight, was opened for Divine worship a few days before he was taken to his great reward. On the night before he died, he said to one of the Ministers of the Circuit, "Give my love to all the friends in the Circuit, and tell them that I find it to be a hard struggle to die; but *all is well*." He peacefully finished his course on Monday, December 19th, 1853, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, and in the forty-fourth of his ministry.

(7.) JAMES COOKE, 1st; who was born at Gloucester, in the year 1800. Having early in life experienced the converting grace of God, he was accepted by the Conference as a candidate for our ministry at the age of twenty-two, and laboured with fidelity and success for a period of thirty-two years. He loved the economy of Methodism, believing this system to have been brought into existence by the Great Head of the church for the revival and diffusion of experimental and practical godliness both in this country and to the ends of the earth. He was a man of considerable reading and reflection. His views of Christianity were both lofty and comprehensive, his mental perceptions were quick, and his judgment was discriminating. His ministry was edifying to the people of God, and awakening to sinners. To preach the Gospel was his delight; and to win souls to Christ, the all-absorbing desire of his heart. For disinterested kindness and tender sympathy, for constancy as a friend, and consistency as a Minister of Christ, he will be embalmed in the recollection of those who had the privilege of knowing him. His last illness was protracted and severe; but throughout the trial he was able "to witness a good confession," and to declare his entire resignation to the Divine will. A short time before his spirit took its flight to a better world, while rejoicing in hope of eternal glory, he told

those around him of a Hand they could not see, but which he beheld, ready to bear him away to his rest above. Thus did he fall asleep in Jesus, January 22d, 1854, in the fifty-fourth year of his age.

(8.) **WALTER OKE CROGGON**; who died in the sixty-third year of his age, and the thirty-seventh of his ministry. He was a native of Penryn, in the county of Cornwall. His parents were pious members of a Baptist church, and he received a religious education and training. His mind was frequently affected with Divine truth, and his conscience, at least partially, awakened, in very early life. It was not, however, till he reached his nineteenth year that he was made partaker of the converting grace of God. He had begun to attend the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodists; and under a sermon of the Rev. John Woodrow he was deeply convinced of sin, and of his need of saving faith. He now became decided, began to meet in class, and, to use his own words, resolved to seek until he found "the knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins." He soon realized the object of his earnest pursuit; and, under a sermon by the Rev. Anthony Seckerson, on the new birth, received power to lay hold on the promise, and to embrace the atonement of the Saviour. A short time afterwards, his assurance of acceptance with God through Christ was confirmed. While pleading for salvation with a distressed penitent, at the moment the latter found peace, he "felt heaven opened in his heart;" and these words were applied with power, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." From this time he walked in happy communion with God as his Father, having received the Spirit of adoption. Soon after his conversion, he became solicitous to publish to his fellow-men the Gospel of grace, which he found to be the power of God to his own salvation, and felt that he was called by a Divine appointment to the work of the ministry; and this conviction was strengthened by fruits of his labours as a Local Preacher. In 1817 he was appointed to a Circuit. His abilities as a Preacher, his knowledge of the world, his amiable qualities and lively disposition, with an equal measure of courage and prudence, combined to fit him for any sphere he might be called to occupy. For the greater part of his public life he was employed in the work of Missions, to which he was ardently attached. Few men were better adapted for this service; for he could happily accommodate himself to all the contingencies of foreign life, and to the variety of duties that may devolve on the Missionary. It was his delight to preach the Gospel, and he was ready to proclaim its truths in any place. The road-side, the cottage, the deck of a ship, the barrack-room, the school-house, the church, were all alike to him, so that he had the opportunity of calling sinners to repentance, and leading them to faith in

Christ. In France, in Greece, in Ireland, (where he spent fourteen years, as Superintendent of Missions and Schools,) and in England, he fulfilled his course as a faithful Missionary and Minister of the Cross. His literary acquisitions were considerable; and he was a diligent reader and student. His letters and journals, as published in the "Missionary Notices," and other publications, may be referred to as evidence of his faithful devotion to his work. He met the last enemy as one fully prepared for the event, calmly resigning himself into the hands of his Divine Saviour and Lord. His last days were spent in devotional exercises; and with happy expressions of confidence in Christ, and of a blessed hope of heaven, he cheered those who attended him in his sufferings. "I am," he said, "in the hands of the Almighty. I shall soon

'Take my last triumphant flight
From Calvary's to Sion's height.'

Nearly his last words were, as if in anticipation of the triumphal song in which he was about to join with the saints before the throne,—

"The whole creation join in one,
To bless the sacred name
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb."

He died January 30th, 1854.

(9.) WILLIAM HOPEWELL; in the thirty-eighth year of his age, and the eleventh of his ministry. It was not till he had reached manhood that the Providence of God led him to an acquaintance with Wesleyan Methodism. The godly counsel and discipline of an excellent mother were the means of preserving him in youth from open and gross immorality. His mind was, for a time, much exercised in reference to speculative and controversial points in theology. By the invitation of a friend whom he was visiting, he went one evening to the Methodist chapel at Ilkestone. He was there convinced of his need of salvation; and in the prayer-meeting, which was held after the service, retiring alone into a pew, he sought the Lord with simplicity and confidence. It was at this time that he received the Spirit of adoption; and near the close of life he testified that he had never from that hour lost the sense of his filial relation to God. He entered the ministry in 1843. His preaching evinced considerable reading, and careful preparation. His public discourses were always clear, simple, deeply imbued with evangelical truth; and they often displayed a comprehensive mind, enriched by general knowledge. He was an able Minister, and gave promise of extensive usefulness in the church of God. To those who knew him he was endeared by a temper generous and affectionate, and by manners modest and

courteous. In his last illness he was kept in perfect peace. The ties which might have bound him to earth were strong. His first-born child was only a few weeks old, and his domestic happiness had been of the highest order. But grace triumphed over nature. It was not that he loved his wife and child *less*, but that he loved his God *more*; and with calm, unruffled confidence he committed them to the care of his heavenly Father. As death approached, his consolations increased, and an abundant entrance was administered unto him into heaven. He died at Westminster, March 9th, 1854.

(10.) JOHN STIRZAKER. Until the seventeenth year of his age, he rested in a form of godliness. In 1828 he was deeply convinced of sin, and, when he had sorrowed after a godly sort for about six months, found peace with God through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. In the face of much domestic opposition, he united himself to that people among whom he had learned "the way of the Lord more perfectly;" and, being pressed in spirit, began to call sinners to repentance. These early attempts at usefulness were crowned with tokens of Divine approbation; and, other circumstances concurring to mark him as one called to the Christian ministry, he was received on trial at the Conference of 1838. During sixteen years of ministerial service, he laboured with great acceptance. His pulpit talents were of a superior order; and his lucid, instructive, and practical sermons showed him to be "a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He was of a friendly and obliging disposition, and secured in a high degree the esteem and confidence of all who knew him intimately. The dispensation which laid him aside from pulpit-labours was a severe trial to his faith and patience; but he "endured, as seeing Him who is invisible." When all hope of recovery was taken away, he rejoiced that the last messenger would find him fast on the Rock; and for twenty-four hours before his death he poured forth his full soul in almost incessant strains of gratitude, love, and praise. When exhorted to spare himself, he said, "Do not hinder me;

‘O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise!’

‘The moment I close my eyes here, I shall open them in heaven. ‘God is love.’ Yes; yes! all that can be said is, ‘God is love!’ If I should become too weak to speak, whisper to me, now and then, ‘God is love.’” He died March 10th, 1854, in the forty-first year of his age.

(11.) THOMAS KEMSHALL, a native of Blyth; who was admitted into the ministry by the Conference of 1824. He was a man of solid and uniform piety, kind disposition, and modest, retiring habits; "an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile."

He was greatly beloved by the people amongst whom he held forth the word of life, and possessed the confidence and esteem of his brethren. His talents were practical and useful. In the earlier years of his ministry he was a diligent and faithful Helper, and in his later years a prudent and affectionate Superintendent. Punctuality, diligence, and zeal marked his career of service in the church of God. About three years ago, he was laid aside by a severe paralytic seizure. He endured a painful and protracted affliction with great resignation, and sometimes evinced abounding joy. For some weeks before his death, he was reduced to a state of unconsciousness. He exchanged mortality for life on the 4th of April, 1854, in the fifty-seventh year of his age, and the thirtieth of his ministry.

(12.) ROBERT NEWTON, D.D. He was born at Roxby, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, on the 8th of September, 1780. He was first convinced of sin through conversations with the Rev. John Kershaw, when about fourteen years of age; and obtained salvation by faith in the sacrificial blood of Christ, while wrestling with God in prayer, two or three years afterwards, in company with his sister; when both were enabled to rejoice in God their Saviour. This great change was the foundation of all his subsequent eminence, both as a Christian and a Minister. At the early age of eighteen years he began to call sinners to repentance; and he was admitted into the ministry, on probation, before he was nineteen years old; his peculiar gifts, manly appearance, and great acceptance and success being held to justify this departure from the usage of the Connexion. He had been but a short time engaged in the sacred work when he was urged to labour in some of the most important Circuits, to several of which he was re-appointed with increasing acceptance. His legitimate popularity drew him from his Circuits so frequently, in order to meet the demands of various public institutions, that at length it was found expedient to liberate him from the ordinary duties of the ministry during week-days; and he availed himself of this opportunity to advocate, with unparalleled diligence, eloquence, and success, the claims of Methodism to pecuniary and active support. His vigorous constitution, and his perpetual serenity of mind, enabled him to sustain an amount of labour unknown, perhaps, in the church, except in one or two illustrious instances. It is supposed that he travelled not less than six thousand miles a year, when transit was comparatively slow; and, in later years, some eight thousand miles; and he engaged in public services not less than twelve times a week, on an average. It is probable that he thus collected more money for religious objects than any other man. All the interests of Methodism were promoted, beyond the power of human calculation; and other churches and institutions, especially in former years, also reaped great advantages from his energetic advocacy.

The Bible Society and various Missionary Societies were greatly aided by his labours, and have not failed gratefully to acknowledge those services. For many years he regularly attended the Anniversary Meetings of our own Missionary Society, and uniformly to their interest and advantage. In 1840, Dr. Newton visited the United States of America, as the Representative of the British Conference; and laboured, during his sojourn there, with extraordinary influence and effect. Four times, by the affectionate suffrages of his brethren in the ministry, he was raised to the highest honours of the Connexion, as President of the Conference; and nineteen times he filled the distinguished office of its Secretary. Dr. Newton was eminently a Methodist Preacher, unfolding and applying Christian truth with simplicity, unction, and power. Perhaps no Minister's eloquence, in modern times, exercised so great an influence over the minds of men. His preaching was strictly popular, and found a response in every bosom, and among all classes of people. Its charm and power lay in its strictly evangelical character. He always preached Christ, and Christ's Gospel, in some of those leading and essential truths whereby the Holy Spirit glorifies the Saviour. His evident aim was to become a fit instrument to be employed by God in the salvation of men. His *spirit* was eminently evangelical, devout, manifestly sincere and earnest, in sympathy with his subject and with his audience; full of life, joy, and goodness; and his looks, words, and tones fully expressed his own happy convictions. His style was simple, perspicuous, forcible, and conclusive; and his words and idioms were thoroughly English, fit for the most polished and fastidious, while the common people heard him gladly. His voice was extraordinary in depth, compass, and power, and capable of vast modulation. His utterance was fluent, natural, and effective; and his action, free, and most impressive. He was "as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument." His text announced his theme, which gave unity to his discourse. His introduction was appropriate; his divisions were simple and well-defined; and every part had a natural sequence. His thoughts, like his subjects, were well chosen; and, without show of argument, each passage carried conviction of the truth, as well as of the Preacher's belief of the truth. He was often the subject of great emotion in preaching; but it was always under control, and the power of the discourse was sustained to the last. It was no ordinary mind that could, for half a century, please and edify mixed assemblies, of the most diversified capacities and tastes, and always make what in fact is old produce the effect of novelty. But he cultivated large acquaintance with revealed truth, and carefully prepared his discourses, which, by a natural logic, were as much fitted to convince the hearer, as by their adorning and delivery they were calculated to please and persuade. On the

platform, Dr. Newton always found the highest acceptance; and his advocacy was eloquent and powerful. Ever true to Methodism, he consecrated time, talents, influence, everything, to the promotion of its interests, as a great work of God. In the day of trouble, rebuke, and opposition, he never quailed, but was ever ready to suffer for Christ's sake. His consistency, his kindness, and his irreproachable life, gained him the affectionate respect of universal Methodism; and never was popularity so general and so unfading. His influence in the Connexion was the result of the power of character, knowledge of our discipline, and inflexible adherence to it, together with that kindness of heart which ever secured to him the love and confidence of his brethren. His intercourse with the people was extensive beyond parallel; and its effect was not only to endear himself to them, but also greatly to promote their spiritual good. At length his Herculean strength gave way, and he was compelled to relax his labours. In 1852, he requested to be allowed to retire from the more active work of the ministry. He resided for a season at Southport; and, about a fortnight before his death, removed to Easingwold, trusting that the air of his native county might soothe, if it did not renovate, his wearied nature. He felt that his work was finished; but he was perfectly prepared for the change for which he patiently and devoutly waited. He was seized with paralysis, and became unconscious. When he had recovered sensibility, he was asked if he still felt Christ to be precious. He replied, "O, yes! Christ Jesus *attesting and blessing*. Christ is mine, and I am His. Christ is my Rock." To one of his daughters he said, "Pray for a happy exit;" and on the lines being repeated,—

"Away sad doubt and anxious fear,
Mercy is all that's written there,"—

he sweetly smiled, and said, "I have no fear, no alarm: perfect love casteth out fear." During his affliction, he often poured out his soul in strains of more fervid eloquence than his nearest relatives had ever been favoured to hear. On the morning previous to his death, he once more bade farewell to all his family; and then uttered, with an almost superhuman energy, the following among other sentiments:—"The preaching that flows from the heart does good every day." "Christ Jesus, the Ransom of sinners, and the Life of the dead." After which, sinking back exhausted, he said, "I am going—going—going—to glory." "Farewell sin; farewell death." "Praise the Lord." His death-scene was indeed a triumph. He fell asleep about noon, and awoke no more until the blessed light of his Lord's immediate presence burst upon him, about four o'clock on the following morning, April 30th, 1854, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and the fifty-fifth of his most memorable ministry.

(13.) SAMUEL DAVIES, 1st; who was a native of Flintshire, in North Wales. He was converted to God in early life, and soon began to proclaim to others the salvation he had himself obtained. Having for a short time been employed as a Local Preacher, he was, in 1807, called to the work of the ministry. He was a man of strong mental power, deep piety, strict integrity, and fervent zeal. His sermons were composed with the greatest care, displaying profound judgment, and were delivered with a solemnity befitting the delivery of a message from God to man. He used great plainness of speech, and addressed himself to the heart as well as to the understanding of his hearers. He was conscientiously attached to the doctrine and discipline of Wesleyan Methodism; and, as he was greatly beloved and respected, his labours were crowned with success, especially in his native county, where much of his ministerial life was spent. He was an excellent theologian, and wrote several valuable works. He was much esteemed by his brethren in the ministry, and lived in their affections. Excessive exertions in early and middle life brought upon him premature old age. His health having failed, he was obliged to become a Supernumerary, in the year 1846. An attack of paralysis, which utterly prostrated his energies, left him but the wreck of his former self. He died at Denbigh, on Sunday, May 7th, 1854, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and the forty-seventh of his ministry.

(14.) DAVID EVANS, 1st; a native of the county of Cardigan. A subject of Divine impressions at an early age, he "remembered his Creator in the days of his youth." He was among the first-fruits of the labours of the Welsh Wesleyan Preachers. Soon after his conversion, he felt a strong conviction that it was his duty to persuade others to turn from the error of their ways, and to seek the blessedness which he himself enjoyed. Having laboured for a short time as a Local Preacher, he was called to the ministry in the year 1810. He was a man of vigorous mind, correct judgment, extensive reading, and respectable attainments; and, withal, remarkably unassuming. In the discharge of his duty he was meek, but firm; and he was universally beloved by his brethren in the ministry, as well as by the people among whom he laboured. In his public teaching he carefully avoided everything speculative, his principal aim being to explain, defend, and enforce the great truths of the Gospel of Christ; and he was considered one of the most eminent Preachers in Wales. His Lord honoured him, crowning his labours with success. During three years past his health gradually declined; and in January last, after an epileptic seizure, his medical attendant advised that he should desist from preaching for some months. He persisted, however, his heart being in his Master's work; but was compelled to relinquish his beloved employment about the close of the following month.

Henceforth his sufferings were great; but he continued to enjoy the comforts of religion, and was enabled to bow with truly Christian resignation to the will of his heavenly Father. On the 11th of May, 1854, he fell asleep in Jesus, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and the forty-fourth of his ministry. His last words were, "Jesus is coming! Take me, Jesus! take me, Jesus!"

(15.) THOMAS ASHTON; who was born in London, in the year 1768. He feared God in very early life, having from infancy been trained by pious parents in the knowledge of the Lord; and at the age of eight he was under very serious impressions. He was converted to God in his eighteenth year, and had undoubted evidence of his acceptance with God. He was first introduced into Methodism by its venerable Founder, having received his first ticket of membership from Mr. Wesley. He entered our ministry in 1801, and continued in the full work till 1837, when he became a Supernumerary, and settled at Bath, where he was very generally respected, and, as long as he could be active, very useful in several departments of our work. But for some years he was quite laid aside. His un murmuring submission to the will of God never forsook him; and he retained his characteristic cheerfulness to the last. He was much in prayer for the Ministers of the Circuit and their work, even to the day before he died, when the District-Meeting was assembled at Trowbridge. As the time of his departure was approaching, he was often heard to say, "*I shall never die*,"—in reference to his deliverance from the terrors and the sting of death. On the 18th of May, in his eighty-sixth year, without any apparent struggle, he escaped from the shattered tenement of clay to the mansions of glory which are eternal in the heavens. His last ascertained utterance was, "Praise!"

(16.) WILLIAM RENNISON; who was a native of Monkwearmouth. In early life he was brought, under the Wesleyan ministry, to a saving knowledge of God, and he soon began to call sinners to repentance. Believing that he was called to a more extended sphere of usefulness, he offered himself as a candidate for our ministry, and was appointed to the Sevenoaks Circuit by the Conference of 1807. He was meek and quiet in spirit, deeply devoted to God, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. His ministry was of an encouraging character, and very edifying to believers. He was actively employed in the work of the ministry twenty-four years, when through infirmity he was compelled to become a Supernumerary; in which capacity he made himself useful, by leading classes, pastoral visitation, and, occasionally, by preaching. About three months before his death he left Stokesley, and went to Stamford, to visit the Rev. John Ingham, the friend of his former years, under whose roof his health rapidly declined. During his sickness he said he had no fear of the *consequences* of death, though he dreaded the *pain* of dying; but

the Lord mercifully removed his fears, and on the day of his departure he frequently said, "Praise the Lord! praise the Lord!" Thus peacefully he fell asleep in Jesus on the 13th of June, 1854, in the seventieth year of his age, and the forty-seventh of his ministry.

(17.) JOHN REYNOLDS, in the eightieth year of his age, and the fifty-fifth of his ministry. He was born at St. Ives, in the county of Cornwall, and was the subject of religious impressions from an early period. When very young, he joined a class, and sought the Lord with many tears; and after three weeks it pleased the Lord to turn his mourning into joy, by sending forth the Spirit of His Son into his heart. Soon after this he began to act as a Local Preacher; and in the year 1799 he was introduced into the work of the ministry. This work he prosecuted with diligence and fidelity, and with an encouraging degree of success, for thirty-three years. When affliction laid him aside, he settled as a Supernumerary in Penzance, where he continued to labour as his strength permitted. His preaching was distinguished by great plainness, earnestness, and affection. He sought diligently to win souls to Christ, and to build up believers in their most holy faith. He was strongly attached to the doctrines and discipline of Wesleyan Methodism; and, only two days before his death, said to his executor, "Tell the Conference I die in peace, and in tender love to the Preachers and the Connexion. I am going into eternity glorying in the Cross of Christ!"

'This all my hope, and all my plea,
For me the Saviour died.'

I pray God to bless Methodism more and more; which I am sure He will do." He died in peace, June 22d, 1854. Mr. Reynolds showed the sincerity of his profession of attachment to Methodism, by leaving a considerable portion of his property to be applied to its funds.

(18.) JOHN HANWELL; a native of Hull, who was born October 20th, 1783. In early life he was favoured with religious counsels, and with the privilege of attending a truly evangelical and faithful ministry. The Spirit's energy attended the exhibition of truth; and the result was an early consecration of himself to the service of Christ. Having experienced the preciousness of the Saviour to all who believe in Him, he was moved by the Holy Ghost to proclaim the Saviour to his fellow-men, and entered the Lord's vineyard as a Minister in the year 1805. During the long space of forty-two years, he diligently and faithfully performed the varied duties of the Wesleyan ministry, occupying some of our most important Circuits, and imitating the apostolic practice of teaching from house to house, as well as publicly,—evidently prompted and sustained by an ardent love for Christ, as well as

a deep compassion for sinners. Many were therefore induced to give themselves unto the Lord, and then unto the church, by His will, who will be the occasion of his rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus. Nor were Mr. Hanwell's labours unedifying to those who had believed through grace. His ministerial fidelity, and his enlightened and warm approval of the Wesleyan polity, in all its parts, together with his cheerful, generous, and firm friendship, secured him the esteem and love of his brethren in the ministry. In proof of their confidence, he was not only entrusted with the superintendency of important Circuits, but with the charge of Districts, for several successive years. In 1848, his growing infirmities compelled him to become a Supernumerary. But he then only ceased to hold forth the word of life in the pulpit, in the houses of God's people, and in the class-room, when the Lord took from him all his remaining strength, and called him home to Himself. He died at Brandon, Suffolk, July 3d, 1854, in the seventy-first year of his age, and the forty-ninth of his ministry; avowing, in a peaceful condition of mind, his exclusive dependence upon the atonement of Christ, and exhorting all who witnessed his departure to a pursuit of "the best things."

(19.) THOMAS STEPHENSON; who was born at Darlington, in 1802. Early in life he was the subject of the Spirit's operations; and in his youth he surrendered himself to the service of God. Having himself tasted that the Lord is gracious, he felt it his duty to call sinners to repentance; and at the Conference of 1824 was received on probation for the Wesleyan ministry. He was conscientious in the discharge of all his duties. He walked with God, and had the testimony of a good conscience that he pleased Him. He was a useful, practical, and pointed Preacher; being anxious to approve himself to God as "a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He was ever deeply concerned for the welfare of the flocks committed to his pastoral care, and so taught and laboured that he might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. His health having failed, at the Conference of 1852 he settled, as a Supernumerary, at Rochdale. He continued his attendance diligently on the means of grace, and his meetness for heaven increased. He was somewhat suddenly prostrated by additional affliction, which prevented his saying much; and he died suddenly, and in peace, on the 25th of July, 1854; having laboured in the word and doctrine thirty years.

(20.) WILLIAM EVANS; who was born at Carnarvon, in the year 1779. He was one of the first who embraced Wesleyan Methodism in North Wales. In the year 1805 he was called to the work of the ministry, in which he laboured with acceptance and success until 1844, when his infirmities obliged him to become a Supernumerary. He was a man of fine spirit, gentle and conciliatory in his deportment, constant in his friendships, and

affectionate towards his brethren and colleagues. He was true to all the relations of domestic life. He was strongly attached to Methodism, and ably defended its doctrines both from the pulpit and by his pen, especially in the earlier years of his ministry. He edited our Welsh periodicals for two years, with great ability. The latter years of his life he spent in the Machynlleth Circuit, where he continued to preach twice, almost every Lord's day, until within five weeks of his death. During his last illness he bore his sufferings with great calmness and resignation. A short time previous to his departure he said, "I have fought the good fight; I have run my course; I have kept the faith." He died in the full assurance of hope, July 30th, 1854, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and the forty-ninth of his ministry.

2. In *Ireland*, five; viz.,—

(1.) SAMUEL KYLE. He was born near Castlederg, in the county of Tyrone, in the year 1779. At an early period he received "forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Christ." Having been taken into our ministry, in 1806 he was appointed to the Ballinamallard Circuit, where he continued for two years with much acceptance. Affectionate, earnest, laborious, successful, and everywhere beloved, he pursued his unwearied toil for thirty-nine years, occupying several of our principal stations; his ministry, distinguished by the saving power of the Holy Ghost, reaching the conscience and winning the hearts of sinners to Christ. In 1845, through increasing infirmities, mainly induced by the effects of a serious injury which he suffered in the Skibbereen Circuit, he was compelled to become a Supernumerary. From that time until the commencement of his last short illness, he laboured as his health would permit, meeting a class, holding prayer-meetings, and preaching that Gospel which he continued to prove day by day the power of God to his own salvation. To the last he maintained his cordial love to his brethren, and evinced his deepening attachment to the church of his early and unswerving choice. On the 17th of September, 1853, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and the forty-eighth of his ministry, reposing with the full trust of habitual and long-tried faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance, he passed "through death triumphant home."

(2.) JOHN WAUGH; who was born in the county of Armagh. When very young he heard the venerable Wesley preach, and was deeply impressed with the discourse. Through the instrumentality of Methodism he was converted to God. For some years he was employed as a Local Preacher; and in 1808 he was called to the ministry, in which he faithfully laboured for forty years. In 1848 he became a Supernumerary. He resided for

some time in Dublin South Circuit, and latterly in Skibbereen. In both these places he was in the habit of preaching occasionally, and was diligent in visiting and meeting classes. As a Preacher, he was plain, practical, and impressive; as a Pastor, faithful; and as a colleague, kind and considerate. In the beginning of December last he was seized with severe illness, from which he so far recovered as to take a part in the ensuing watch-night services. His restoration to health was, however, but partial and temporary. On the first Sabbath of the year he had to leave the Sunday-school before its close, and he lingered until the following Saturday. He had no anticipation of his approaching dissolution, until a few minutes before it took place; when, calmly bidding farewell to his beloved wife and daughter, and exclaiming, "Jesus! Saviour!" apparently without a struggle his spirit passed into the heavenly rest, January 7th, 1854, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and the forty-sixth of his ministry.

(3.) WILLIAM STEWART; who was a native of Ashfield, near Cootehill, in the county of Cavan. In very early life he was deeply impressed by the truth of God as preached by the Wesleyan Ministers in his neighbourhood. Being awakened to a conviction of his guilt, depravity, and danger, he earnestly sought and found pardon and acceptance through faith in Christ Jesus. The reality of the change he experienced was fully evinced by the cultivation of personal piety, and by the constant and unrestrained dedication of all his powers to God. Some time after his conversion he removed to Dublin, where he became an acceptable and useful Local Preacher. In the year 1800, having passed through the usual examinations, he was received as a probationer for our ministry; and, from that time, during the lengthened period of half a century, he exercised without interruption the ministry of the Gospel of Christ in most parts of Ireland. His understanding was sound and discriminating, his memory retentive and accurate, his affections warm and devotional, and his zeal for God active and energetic. He devoted himself to a prayerful and diligent study of the holy Scriptures, with a view to the efficient exercise of the Christian ministry. As a Preacher he was richly evangelical and clear in exposition, warm and earnest in address, pointed and faithful in the application of the word of God to the consciences and hearts of his hearers,—“a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Wherever he was stationed, his ministry was highly acceptable, and much owned of God. His attachment to Methodism was ardent and unvarying, and his efforts for its support and extension vigorous and unwearied. Our financial affairs occupied his deep and anxious attention; and, by well-directed, liberal, and continued exertions, he succeeded in conferring benefits in this respect which will be long and gratefully remembered. His brethren, by

frequently calling him to fill the most important and honourable offices, expressed their high estimate of his judgment and integrity. At the Conference of 1850, many and complicated infirmities compelled him to retire from the full work of the ministry; but he exerted his remaining strength in recommending that religion the power of which he so long enjoyed. His death, though from his rapid decline not unexpected, was at the last sudden. The night preceding his decease he conversed with clearness and delight on spiritual subjects, and prayed in the family of a friend with even more than his accustomed enlargement and fervour. In the morning he was found prepared, as to his dress, to join his friends, but the spirit had fled from a land of toil and suffering to the rest that remains for the people of God. He died January 10th, 1854, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, and the fifty-fourth of his ministry.

(4.) ROBERT CARSON; who was born near Omagh, in the county of Tyrone, in the year 1784. His parents were Wesleyan Methodists. During his attendance on the preaching of the Gospel by Wesleyan Ministers, he was awakened by the Holy Spirit to a sense of the sinfulness of his nature, and enabled to flee for refuge to the hope set before him. In the year 1808 he was called to the work of the ministry; and he laboured therein for thirteen years. While blessed with health, he fulfilled the duties of his office efficiently, and was endeared by his amiable qualities to all those amongst whom he laboured. Injury to his health by a damp bed was the cause of his becoming, comparatively early, a Supernumerary. He then returned to his native place, and there continued to discharge the duties devolving upon him, with all the strength which he possessed. He was able to assist the Ministers of the Circuit up to within a short time of his death. His hope remained firm to the end, and the end was peaceful. Almost the last words which escaped his lips were, "I am going to Jesus: I know I am." He fell asleep on Wednesday, May 29th, 1854, in the seventy-first year of his age, and the forty-sixth of his ministry.

(5.) WILLIAM LUPTON; who was a native of Yorkshire. His conversion, which took place in early life, was sound and scriptural; and, soon after he had obtained a knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins, he began to call others to repentance. Having come to Ireland, providential circumstances led him to offer himself for our ministry, in the year 1828; and, being accepted as a fellow-labourer, from that time to his lamented death, as he became more extensively known, he gained the esteem and affection of his brethren in the ministry, and of the members of our Societies and congregations. His mind was penetrating and capacious, and his attainments in general and religious knowledge were extensive. As a Preacher, he possessed more than ordinary talent;

and in explaining and applying the great truths of the Gospel he was eminently successful. His conversational powers were of a high order, and as a companion he was cheerful and instructive. Towards his colleagues in the ministry he was obliging, cordial, and faithful. By his unexpected removal to a better life his brethren in the ministry, and in the church generally, have sustained a loss not easily repaired. He was cut off by a violent fever in the city of Limerick, just on the eve of Conference, in the fifty-second year of his age. When his disease permitted the exercise of reason, he expressed unshaken reliance upon that Saviour whose glory and grace had been the grand theme of his ministry. A few days before his death, addressing his physician, he said, in his own characteristic way, "I know, doctor, I'll not recover: but never mind, never mind; I shall soon be at the right hand of God." He died on the 19th of June, 1854, having for twenty-six years ministered the word of life in our congregations. The high estimation in which he was held by his own flock, and by his fellow-citizens, was evinced by an unusually large and respectable attendance of all classes at his funeral.

3. In our *Foreign Missions*, ten have died; viz.,—

(1.) JOHN A. MARTIN, Native Minister; who died at Lagos, on the West Coast of Africa, on the 8th of June, 1853, in the thirty-seventh year of his age, and the seventh of his ministry. On the evening before his death he was apparently well, and conversed with one of the School Teachers as late as nine o'clock, when they separated, and retired to rest. He was found the next morning in a state of insensibility. When restored to consciousness, he waved his hand, apparently as though he would say, "Farewell," and immediately expired. He was unobtrusive in his manners, meek and quiet in spirit; and Christian courtesy seemed to be a part of his very being. He read extensively, and thought much, and exhibited, on almost all occasions, good judgment as well as good information. His duty as a Minister always appeared to be to him a source of deep enjoyment; and, in the consecration of his various acquirements to the service of the church, he became a popular and useful Preacher.

(2.) JAMES HUTCHINGS; who arrived in the Bahama District in March, 1853, and was immediately appointed to the Abaco Circuit. He there acquired, in no ordinary degree, the confidence and affection of our people, and was made the honoured instrument of a revival of the work of God. After labouring diligently and faithfully till the first week in August, he died of yellow fever, deeply regretted by all who knew him. His end was peace.

(3.) WILLIAM TOWLER; who, at the Conference of 1837, received an appointment to Hayti, and for nearly sixteen years faithfully and zealously laboured in Hayti and St. Domingo. For

the greater part of that time he was resident in the town of Puerto Plata, and, in consequence of the hostilities subsisting between the empire and the republic, was cut off from all personal intercourse with his brethren, and subjected to many and grievous privations, both personal and domestic. But, notwithstanding all, he fulfilled his course with diligence; his work was his delight, and the very various duties which were imposed upon him, in so peculiar a sphere of labour, he carefully discharged. His death was a fitting sequel to a holy and devoted life. For him death had no terrors. His affectionate wife inquiring whether he had any fear, he replied, "No no: all is glory! glory! glory! nothing but glory." He added, "Sing, sing the praises of God!" and began to sing with as much strength as he could command. Those in the room joined in singing,—

"My God, the spring of all my joys," &c.;

and a few minutes afterwards his soul left "the heavy clay." He died on the 25th of August, 1853, in the forty-second year of his age, and the sixteenth of his ministry.

(4.) JOHN E. S. WILLIAMS; who embarked for India in 1845, and by diligent study soon became a ready and able Preacher in the Tamul language. Domestic affliction caused his return to England in 1851; but in the next year he left home again, and entered upon a new and most important sphere of labour among the Hindoo Coolies in Demerara. On the 17th of August, 1853, he travelled to Berbice, and preached at New-Amsterdam a sermon of surpassing unction. The next day he was seized with fatal illness; and on the 27th of the same month he entered into the joy of his Lord, in the thirty-second year of his age. Christianity was early in life established in the convictions of his mind; and hence, whether in India or America, when assailed by the malice of idolatry with abuse, or with craft and sophistry, his confidence never failed. In disputation—the Hindoo's favourite resort—he was more than a conqueror. When he departed, it was truly said, especially in regard to his relation to the immigrants, "A prince and a great man is fallen this day." A chastened grief pervaded the colony, and all classes of persons bewailed the public loss in his removal. "His God sustained him in his final hour," and "his final hour brought glory to his God."

(5.) ALEXANDER J. THOMPSON, aged forty-seven. He was a native of Nassau, New-Providence, in the Bahama District. In early life he was converted to God, through the instrumentality of the Wesleyan Missionaries. After acting several years as a Local Preacher, he was called into our regular work as an Assistant Missionary, in the year 1845. His health was never robust; and, after he had passed through much affliction and labour in the Eleuthera and Abaco Circuits, a change to the United States

became necessary. On his return, he was appointed to the Turk's Islands Circuit, where his naturally feeble constitution yielded in a few months to the pressure of disease, and he died, much lamented, on the 27th of September, 1853. In his last hours he largely enjoyed the hopes and consolations of the Gospel which he had preached to others.

(6.) HENRY ANDREWS; who was converted to God in early life, and, soon after, impelled by love to souls, obvious openings of Providence, and the call of the church, began to call sinners to repentance. It pleased God to render his efforts signally successful in promoting the conversion of sinners in his own neighbourhood. When called to enter the Mission-field, he promptly responded, and left England in December, 1852. He was a young man of deep piety, and dedicated himself unreservedly to the great work to which he was called; his zeal was fervent; he constantly aimed at the immediate conversion of souls. The station to which he was sent (Trinidad) was rising under his Christian care and toil, and much good was anticipated as the result; but it pleased God to call him early from his work. He died of yellow-fever, on the 30th of October, 1853, in the twenty-fifth year of his age.

(7.) JAMES BOOTH; who entered upon the Mission work in the year 1816, and prosecuted it diligently and faithfully, until growing infirmities compelled him to retire from active service. In a letter to the Missionary Committee, written a short time before his decease, he expresses himself thus:—"I now only live a day at once; and I am striving with all my powers, to be ready when the Lord shall call me. Thank the Lord, my soul is happy in a sense of my acceptance with God, and a lively hope of a safe arrival at my heavenly home. Bless the Lord, O my soul, for all His mercies to me! Truly the Lord is my God, and I will praise Him." He died at Kingston, Canada, January 22d, 1854, in the seventy-third year of his age.

(8.) JAMES ATKINS; who was born at Salisbury, in 1808, became a member of the Wesleyan-Methodist Society when he was seventeen years of age, and was converted to God under the ministry of the Rev. Isaac Bradnack. Having been made the subject of Divine grace himself, he became solicitous that others should partake of it; and, being convinced that it was his duty "to call sinners to repentance," he began in 1826 to act as a Local Preacher; in which capacity he was much beloved and esteemed. At the Conference of 1830, he received an appointment to Pembroke; and he afterwards laboured in the Tenterden and Ipswich Circuits. In 1834, he received an appointment to the Jamaica District, where he prosecuted his Missionary labours with very great success for nearly twenty years. Mr. Atkins was very kind and affectionate in his intercourse with the people of his charge. His attachment to the doctrines

and discipline of the Wesleyan body was firm; and his brethren reposed in him the utmost confidence, as a faithful, laborious, and useful fellow-labourer. He was highly esteemed and beloved, both by the people among whom he laboured, and by his brethren in the ministry. His pulpit abilities were of a very respectable character; and his labours were blessed in the salvation of many precious souls, who will be "the crown of his rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus." During the last year of his life, he was the subject of severe and protracted sickness; but he bore this with remarkable patience and resignation to his Master's will, and gave indubitable evidence of his preparation for a better world. He died in Kingston, Jamaica, on the 24th of January, 1854, in the forty-sixth year of his age, and the twenty-fourth of his ministry, "in sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life."

(9.) DAVID KERR; who was born in Edinburgh, in the year 1793. For upwards of twenty years he lived a stranger to vital godliness; but, having been providentially brought to an acquaintance with the Methodists, he became deeply convinced of sin, and, being directed to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," he obtained peace and joy through believing. Soon after his conversion, he was appointed, under very peculiar circumstances, to be the Leader of a class; and after some time he began to call sinners to repentance. Having offered himself for Missionary service, he was accepted by the Conference of 1824, and was appointed to the island of Jamaica; where he continued to labour with great diligence and success, for the lengthened period of twenty-nine years. From his arrival it was evident that his heart was fixed upon his great work, and he regarded his appointment to Jamaica as having been directed by the providence of God. For some time he suffered much, both from personal and family affliction; yet nothing could induce him to seek to exchange his field of labour for any other. Though naturally of retiring habits, he was possessed of a burning zeal for the salvation of his fellow-men. In times of persecution and danger he stood firm and unmoved, and on several occasions boldly "hazarded his life for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." God had inspired him with a spirit of extraordinary fortitude and courage; and though, from his natural modesty, he often felt embarrassed in the presence of his brethren, he never quailed in the presence of an adversary. To his colleagues in the ministry he was uniformly generous and obliging; and to the flock of Christ a faithful, laborious, and affectionate Pastor. He was an able Minister of the New Testament, "rightly dividing the word of truth." His gifts in prayer were remarkable; and while he was leading his congregations to the mercy-seat, many felt as if they were under the very wings of the cherubim. His whole deportment in the house of God was strikingly

expressive of his solemn sense of the arduous duties of his office, and the weighty responsibilities under which it placed him. The Head of the church gave him many souls, who will be the crown of his rejoicing in the day of the Lord. His death was sudden; but it cannot be doubted that he was ready for his great change. He was seized with malignant cholera at St. Ann's Bay, on the 14th of June, 1854; and after an illness of only eight hours he entered into the joy of his Lord, in the sixty-second year of his age, and the thirtieth of his ministry.

(10.) WILLIAM BANNISTER. The death of this respected and beloved servant of Christ, and of his two children, was occasioned by the prevailing cholera. On the previous Sunday he had preached with extraordinary unction, and had administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. His text and discourse are now regarded as having been prophetic of the events of the succeeding week: "It is the Lord: let Him do what seemeth Him good." His indefatigable and self-sacrificing efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the afflicted during the prevalence of the cholera, and to point the dying to the Saviour, had induced many persons to attend public worship and to reform their lives; and it is now remarked that, as he visited from house to house, "when the eye saw him, it blessed him." Mr. Bannister commenced his labours as a Wesleyan Missionary in North America, in 1833. He removed to the West Indies in 1838. His ministry was everywhere highly valued and useful; he had the full confidence of his brethren in the ministry, and of the Parent Missionary Committee. From the year 1846 he had charge of the Missions in the St. Vincent and Demerara District, as Chairman and General Superintendent; and he proved himself in every respect worthy of the confidence reposed in him. The loss to the Circuit and the District occasioned by his removal it is not easy to estimate or to supply; to his family it is irreparable. He died at Barbadoes, July 9th, 1854.

Q. V. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Ministers, or Preachers on Trial?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. VI. What persons, who were in full connexion with the Conference, have now CEASED TO BE RECOGNISED as Ministers among us?

A. 1 Alexander W. M'Leod, D.D., John Jenkins, Thomas Williams, 1st, William Mason, George Smith, 3d, William Spencer, who have voluntarily retired from our ministry.

2. George R. H. Miller, who has entered into business.

3. Edwin Fice, who has retired for want of health.

Q. VII. How are our Ministers, and Preachers on Trial, STATIONED for the ensuing year?

A. As follows; viz.,—

[N.B. Each of the places mentioned in these Stations, and numbered consecutively from 1 to 504, is the head of a Circuit.]

The Superintendent and other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits undermentioned, is and are appointed by the Conference to preach, and to perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline, in each and every of the Wesleyan-Methodist Chapels already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, within the space of twelve calendar months, at such time or times, and in such manner, as to him or them shall seem proper; subject, nevertheless, to the Superintendent Minister.]

GREAT BRITAIN.

[JOHN FARRAR, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.
JOHN HANNAH, D.D., SECRETARY.]

I.—THE LONDON DISTRICT.

- 1 *First London, (City-Road, &c.,)* Robert Young, John H. James, John Kirk, 2d, William B. Pope; William Brocklehurst, Supernumerary.

William L. Thornton, M.A., William H. Rule, Editors; John Mason, Book-Steward.

John Beecham, D.D., Elijah Hoole, George Osborn, and William Arthur, M.A., General Secretaries for our Missions; Samuel Young, Superintendent, under the direction of the Missionary Committee, of the Irish Missions and Schools.

N.B. Dr. Bunting is respectfully requested to afford the aid of his counsel to the Missionary Secretaries and to the Committee, as far as his health will permit.

Wesleyan Theological Institution :

Jabez Bunting, D.D., President of the Institution.

Southern Branch, Richmond, JOHN FARRAR, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, Classical Tutor; Thomas Jackson, Theological Tutor; Samuel Jackson, House-Governor; William Gibson, B.A., President's Assistant.

Northern Branch, Didsbury, John Bowers, House-Governor; JOHN HANNAH, D.D., SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE, Theological Tutor; Jonathan Crowther, Classical Tutor.

Normal Training Institution, Westminster, John Scott, Principal; Michael C. Taylor, Secretary of the Education Committee.

- 2 *Second London, (Great Queen-Street, &c.,)* Alfred Barrett, John W. Greeves; John Brown, 1st, Joseph Walker, Supernumeraries.

- 3 *Third London, (Spitalfields, &c.,)* Charles Westlake, Joseph Lawton, George Maunder; John Keeling, Supernumerary.

Thames Mission, William Fox, 1st, who shall change once on each

Sunday with the Ministers of the Third London Circuit.

- 4 *Fourth London, (Southwark, &c.,)* Joseph Wood, Charles Prest.
- 5 *Fifth London, (Lambeth, &c.,)* Frederick J. Jobson, William Jackson, 2d, Thomas Kent, George T. Morrison, Thomas Akroyd; Thomas Key, Supernumerary.
- 6 *Sixth London, (Hinde-Street, &c.,)* John Smith, 2d, William Andrews, Joseph Bush; Joseph Sutcliffe, M.A., Joseph Lewis, William M. Bunting, John C. Leppington, Supernumeraries.
- 7 *Seventh London, (Chelsea, &c.,)* George B. Macdonald, Joseph Millar; John Bicknell, Supernumerary.
- 8 *Eighth London, (Islington, &c.,)* John Hall, Thomas Llewellyn, Luke H. Wiseman, Frederick W. Briggs, Benjamin Hellier; John Kershaw, Isaac Phenix, sen., William Horton, Isaac Phenix, jun., Supernumeraries.
- 9 *Deptford,* William O. Booth, John W. Close; Thomas Rogers, Supernumerary.
N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Greenwich.
- 10 *Woolwich,* Hugh Jones, James Smith; Thomas Martin, Supernumerary.
- 11 *Hammersmith,* Thomas Stokoe, James H. Rigg.
N.B. Brother Rigg shall reside at Brentford.
- 12 *Croydon,* John Knowles, 1st, Thomas S. Raby; Edward Chapman, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Raby shall reside at Walton-on-Thames.
- 13 *Barking and Romford,* John Gregory, who shall change once in every four weeks, on the Lord's day, with the Ministers of the Third London Circuit.
- 14 *Hertford and Bishop-Stortford,* John I. Muff.
- 15 *Cambridge,* Robert M. MacBrair, M.A., William J. Tweddle.
- 16 *Windsor,* Thomas Turner, Edwin Hirst.
- 17 *Uxbridge,* Thomas Harding.
- 18 *Chelmsford and Maldon,* Joseph Pechey, Joseph Mood.
N.B. Brother Mood shall reside at Bocking.
- 19 *Leigh,* Thomas Vinson.
- 20 *Colchester,* James Brownell, Joseph T. Wilkinson; William Sharpe, Supernumerary.
- 21 *Manningtree,* Joseph Sykes, John Sharman, Benjamin Frankland, jun., B.A.
N.B. Brother Sharman shall reside at Harwich.
- 22 *Ipswich,* George Blanchflower, John Jeffreys; George North, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Jeffreys shall reside at Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 23 *Hastings,* Peter Cooper, Robert N. Young; James Lancaster, Supernumerary.
- 24 *Sevenoaks,* William Box, Thomas Brackenbury.

- 25 *Tunbridge-Wells*, John Geden, James Gillings ; Thomas Murray,
Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Gillings shall reside at Tunbridge.
- 26 *Lewes and Eastbourne*, Henry J. Thomas, who shall change regularly
with the Ministers of the Brighton Circuit.
- 27 *Brighton*, William B. Stephenson, William Edwards, 2d,
Henry W. Jackson, B.A. ; Samuel Trueman,
Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Edwards shall reside at Worthing.
- 28 *St. Alban's*, Jabez Rought, James R. Webb.
N.B. Brother Webb shall reside at Hemel-
Hempstead.
- 29 *Guildford and Alton*, Joseph Binns, William F. Clark, John
Cooper.
N.B. Brother Clark shall reside at Alton, and
Brother Cooper at Petersfield.
- 30 *Dorking and Horsham*, Alexander Puddicombe.
JOHN FARRAR, *President of the Conference, Chairman of the District.*
FREDERICK J. JOBSON, *Financial Secretary.*

II.—THE BEDFORD AND NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

- 31 *Bedford and Ampthill*, Robert Dugdale, Charles Povah, George
B. Mellor ; Maximilian Wilson, William Dixon,
Supernumeraries.
N.B. Brother Povah shall reside at Ampthill.
- 32 *Leighton-Buzzard*, Samuel Rowe, Thompson Hesk, William
Harley.
N.B. Brother Harley shall reside at Stewkley.
- 33 *Luton and Hitchin*, Thomas P. Clark, Robert Maxwell, Philip
Fowler, Benjamin Field.
N.B. Brother Maxwell shall reside at Hitchin.
- 34 *Dunstable*, Matthew T. Male, Walter Coates.
- 35 *St. Neots*, Adam Fletcher, John Baker, Joseph Willis ; John
Piggott, Supernumerary.
- 36 *Biggleswade*, Thomas Wood, George Rowe.
N.B. Brother Rowe shall reside at Baldock.
- 37 *Huntingdon and St. Ives*, Hugh Carter, William Tarr, George O.
Bate.
N.B. Brother Tarr shall reside at St. Ives.
- 38 *Northampton*, James Lees, Christopher Ridler ; William Taylor,
Thomas Hickson, James Cheeswright, Super-
numeraries.
- 39 *Towcester*, William J. Dawson, Charles Hillard.
- 40 *Daventry and Rugby*, John B. Whittingham, Charles E. Woolmer.
N.B. Brother Woolmer shall reside at Rugby.
- 41 *Newport-Pagnell*, Henry Dean, John Bate.
- 42 *Higham-Ferrers*, Thomas Jeffery, Joseph Dyson.
- 43 *Wellingborough*, Joseph Payne, William Williams, 2d ; John Cullen,
Supernumerary.
- 44 *Kettering*, John Booth ; Henry Fish, M.A., Supernumerary.

- 45 *Market-Harborough*, John Pearce; Richard Eland, sen., Supernumerary.

N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits shall change with each other on one Sunday in every six weeks.

- 46 *Chatteris*,
47 *Oundle*,

Henry Banks, Samuel M'Aulay.
Samuel H. Wardley, William H. W. Evans; Isaac Aldom, Supernumerary.

ADAM FLETCHER, *Chairman of the District*.
THOMAS P. CLARK, *Financial Secretary*.

III.—THE KENT DISTRICT.

- 48 *Canterbury*, Richard Rymer, John L. Sanders; Joseph Wilson, William Worth, Supernumeraries.

N.B. Brother Sanders shall reside at Whitstable.

- 49 *Faversham*,
50 *Rochester*,
51 *Gravesend*,

Thomas Payne, Edward Fison.
John Hobkirk, Henry M. Harvard.
John Nelson, 1st, John Hearnshaw.

- 52 *Sheerness*,

N.B. The Superintendent resides at Dartford.
John F. England, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers of the Rochester Circuit; John Smith, 1st, Supernumerary.

- 53 *Margate*,

James Mowat, William H. Cornforth; Robert Morton, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Cornforth and Brother Morton shall reside at Ramsgate.

- 54 *Dover*,

George Jackson, Henry L. Church; James Jarrett, Supernumerary.

- 55 *Deal*,

Benjamin Andrews, LL.D., John Dawson, John S. Vint.

- 56 *Rye*,

Edward Russell, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers of the Hastings Circuit.

- 57 *Tenterden*,

Josiah Mycock, John Gilbert.

- 58 *Ashford*,

Jesse Pilcher, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers of the Canterbury Circuit.

- 59 *Sandhurst*,

Thomas Dove, Robert G. Badcock.

- 60 *Maidstone*,

Roger Moore, Robert W. Horsfield.

N.B. Brother Horsfield shall reside at Marden.

- Sittingbourne*,

George Ranyell, who shall change with the Ministers of Faversham on one Sunday in every six weeks; Charles Howe, Supernumerary.

Boulogne, (*English*,) William Toase, Supernumerary.

BENJAMIN ANDREWS, LL.D., *Chairman of the District*.
JAMES MOWAT, *Financial Secretary*.

IV.—THE NORWICH AND LYNN DISTRICT.

- 61 *Norwich*, William M. Harvard, M.A., Thomas H. Brocklehurst.
- 62 *Bungay*, Samuel Atkinson, 1st, Albert H. M'Tier; William Edwards, 1st, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother M'Tier shall reside at Loddon.
- 63 *North-Walsham*, James Kendall, 1st, William Hopkins.
N.B. Brother Hopkins shall reside at Aylsham.
- 64 *Yarmouth*, Thomas Moss, John Parsons; James Waller, Supernumerary.
- 65 *Lowestoff*, Andrew Mackintosh, Joseph Bate.
- 66 *Framlingham and Peasenhall*, Thomas Pearson, 3d, who shall change once in every two months with the Ministers at Bungay.
- 67 *Diss*, James Allen, 2d, William Baddeley, John Dixon.
- 68 *Attleborough and New-Buckenham*, Richard Tabraham, William Robinson.
N.B. Brother Robinson shall reside at New-Buckenham.
- 69 *Bury St. Edmund's*, Charles B. Ritchie, Featherstone Kellett.
- 70 *Holt*, John Danks, who shall change with the Ministers at Walsingham on one Sunday in every six weeks.
- 71 *Lynn*, John Hannah, 2d, George Barnley.
- 72 *Swaffham*, Benjamin G. Mitchell, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Lynn.
- 73 *Downham*, Thomas Leach, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Ely.
- 74 *Walsingham*, John Bissell, who shall change once in every six weeks with the Ministers at Holt.
- 75 *Wisbeach*, Maurice Britton, Samuel Wray; William Dalby, Supernumerary.
- 76 *Thetford*, Francis Barker, William Powell, 2d.
N.B. Brother Powell shall reside at Methwold.
- 77 *Mildenhall*, William Simpson, Jakeh Oats; Thomas Newton, Supernumerary.
- 78 *Ely*, James Ray, Thomas Hulme, Joseph Bellamy.
N.B. Brother Hulme shall reside at Haddenham.

WILLIAM M. HARVARD, M.A., *Chairman of the District.*

JAMES ALLEN, 2d, *Financial Secretary.*

V.—THE OXFORD DISTRICT.

- 79 *Oxford*, Thomas A. Rayner, Henry J. Piggott, B.A.
- 80 *High-Wycombe*, William Davies, 2d, Henry Needle.
- 81 *Aylesbury*, John P. Johnson, Joseph Simpson.
- 82 *Witney*, James Mayer, George Kevern.
- 83 *Banbury*, John T. Yeates, William Lees.

- Kineton*, Henry Laughner, who shall change on one Sunday in every month with the Ministers at Banbury.
- 84 *Newbury*, Joseph Hollis, James Smeeth, Henry C. Howard.
- 85 *Reading*, Samuel Cooke, George Bowden.
- 86 *Hungerford*, Thomas Rogerson, Thomas James, Jabez Overton; William Homer, Supernumerary.
- 87 *Watlington*, Robert Keyworth.
Thame, Edwin Thorley; Paul Clarke, Supernumerary.
N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks.
- 88 *Brackley*, John W. Cotton, John Lewis, 2d.
- 89 *Chipping-Norton*, George Ellidge, Alfred Beresford.
- 90 *Swindon*, George F. Driver, Charles Willis.
N.B. Brother Willis shall reside at Farringdon.
- 91 *Wantage*, Edward Shelton, Frederick F. Edmunds, James A. Macdonald.
N.B. Brother Edmunds shall reside at Abingdon.
- JOSEPH HOLLIS, *Chairman of the District.*
THOMAS ROGERSON, *Financial Secretary.*

VI.—THE PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

- 92 *Portsmouth*, Thomas Harris, 1st, Robert S. Ellis, William Hessel.
- 93 *Gosport*, Edward Baylis, who shall change with the Ministers at Portsmouth on one Sunday in every month.
- 94 *Salisbury*, Robert Gover, Richard Chapman; William Tranter, Supernumerary.
- 95 *Poole*, Thomas Sheers, Francis T. Tranmer, Henry Keet; James Hyde, John W. Button, Supernumeraries.
N.B. Brother Tranmer shall reside at Swanage, and Brother Keet at Wareham.
- 96 *Wimborne*, John W. Dawson, William Watson.
- 97 *Ringwood*, William Rodman, who shall change with the Ministers at Wimborne on one Sunday in every six weeks.
- 98 *Newport, Isle of Wight*, Joseph Earnshaw, Peter Parsons, Thomas Withington, Paul Orchard, jun.
N.B. Brother Parsons shall reside at Ryde, Brother Withington at Cowes, and Brother Orchard at Ventnor.
- 99 *Southampton and Winchester*, Joseph Entwisle, John Philp, William Mollard; John Willis, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Mollard shall reside at Winchester.
- 100 *Andover*, James Stott, who shall change with the Minister at Winchester on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 101 *Chichester*, Richard Haddy, Frederick Balls.
- THOMAS HARRIS, 1st, *Chairman of the District.*
JOSEPH ENTWISLE, *Financial Secretary.*

VII.—THE CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- 102 *Guernsey*, (*English*,) James E. Moulton, Pascho Hoskins.
 103 *Guernsey*, (*French*,) Philip Tourgis, Daniel Robin ; John de Putron, Supernumerary.
 104 *Alderney*, (*French*,) William J. Handcock.
 (*English*,) James Rosser, Supernumerary.
 105 *Jersey*, (*English*,) William D. Goy, Robert Rees ; James Etchells, James Lynch, Supernumeraries.
 106 *Jersey*, (*French*,) *St. Helier's*, John Renier, George Leale, Peter Roy ; Amice Olivier, Supernumerary.
 N.B. William J. Handcock is the Editor of the French Magazine.

WILLIAM D. GOY, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE DEVONPORT DISTRICT.

- 107 *Devonport*, Robert Day, Charles Tucker, William D. Tyack ; William Beal, Supernumerary.
 108 *Plymouth*, Joseph T. Milner, Thornley Smith, John H. Lord ; Thomas Bersey, Oliver Henwood, Joshua Wade, Supernumeraries.
 109 *Launceston*, Thomas Hardy, William L. Binks.
 110 *Holsworthy*, Henry Badger, Miles B. Pickering.
 111 *Kilhampton*, James Emory, William Hamar ; William Harvie, Supernumerary.
 112 *Liskeard*, Benjamin Elvins, James Hargreaves.
 N.B. Brother Hargreaves shall reside at East Looe.
 113 *Callington*, George Hagen, James Fisher.
 N.B. Brother Fisher shall reside at Saltash.
 114 *Tavistock*, Robert Colman, Henry D. Lowe ; Nicholas Sibly, Supernumerary.
 115 *Camelford*, William S. Bestall, Thomas Batten ; John Robinson, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Batten shall reside at Wade-bridge.
 116 *Kingsbridge*, William Baker, sen., James Hartle.
 N.B. Brother Hartle shall reside at Salcombe.
 117 *Brizham and Dartmouth*, Hender Geach, who shall reside at Dartmouth, and change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Ashburton.
 118 *Ashburton*, William Fidler, James Pilley ; Richard Moody, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Pilley shall reside at Buckfastleigh.

ROBERT DAY, *Chairman of the District.*
 THOMAS HARDY, *Financial Secretary.*

IX.—THE CORNWALL DISTRICT.

- 119 *Redruth*, John Allin, Henry Young.
 120 *Camborne*, Jarvis Cheesman, George Blencowe.
 121 *Falmouth*, Everard Vigis, Samuel Hooley.
 N.B. Brother Hooley shall reside at Penryn.
 122 *Truro*, John Morris, John Gostick; Matthew Andrew,
 Supernumerary.
 123 *Gwennap*, William Ricketts, Robert Dyson.
 N.B. Brother Dyson shall reside at St. Day.
 124 *St. Agnes*, Joseph Whitehead, Frederick C. Haime.
 N.B. Brother Haime shall reside at Bolingey.
 125 *St. Austle*, William Worker, John Mollard, Benjamin Browne.
 126 *St. Mawes*, William Baker, jun., who shall change once in every
 month, on the Lord's day, with the Ministers at
 St. Austle.
 127 *Bodmin*, Humphrey B. Trethewey, James Mitchell.
 128 *St. Columb*, William Sanders, Joseph Williams.
 N.B. Brother Williams shall reside at Padstow.
 129 *Penzance*, Corbett Cooke, John W. Etheridge, Ph. D., James
 D. Dodgson; Ralph Scurrah, Supernumerary.
 130 *St. Just*, Henry Daniels, George Savery.
 131 *St. Ives*, John B. Alexander, Robert Haworth; Benjamin
 Carvosso, Supernumerary.
 132 *Scilly Islands*, Robert Mainwaring.
 133 *Helstone*, John Ryan, 2d, James Nance, Edward Watson;
 Charles Colwell, Supernumerary.
 134 *Hayle*, William Seccombe, Walter Vercoe, Francis W.
 Greeves.
 135 *Marazion*, John Hugill, Joshua Duffill.

CORBETT COOKE, *Chairman of the District.*JOHN B. ALEXANDER, *Financial Secretary.*

X.—THE EXETER DISTRICT.

- 136 *Exeter*, William P. Burgess, M.A., John Martin, John
 M'Kenny; James Odgers, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Martin shall reside at Topsham.
 137 *Tiverton*, Thomas W. Smith, Isaac Gould.
 138 *Taunton and Wellington*, John Williams, William Exton; John
 Hobson, Governor and Chaplain of the Wes-
 leyan Proprietary School; John Simmons,
 Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Exton shall reside at Wellington.
 139 *Bridgewater*, Edward Branston, John Walter.
 140 *South-Petherton*, Charles W. Vibert, William A. Wingell.
 141 *Azminster*, Mark Symons, who shall change on one Sunday in
 every month with the Ministers at Bridport.
 142 *Budleigh-Salterton*, John Crowe.
 143 *Bridport*, Thomas Jefferies, John Longden; John Stevens,
 John Saunders, Supernumeraries.

- 144 *Barnstaple*, Thomas Heeley, Martin Young.
 145 *South-Moulton*, William Colbron, who shall change on one Sunday in each month with the Ministers at Barnstaple.
 146 *Bideford*, Edward Jennings, John T. Barr, Edward A. Telfer; John C. Clendinnen, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Barr shall reside at Torrington.
 147 *Dunster*, James Cooke, 2d, Alfred Mewton.
 N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Williton.
 148 *Oakhampton*, John W. Roberts, George Follows.
 149 *Teignmouth*, John Wood, 1st, John W. Wilson, Thomas Chope.
 N.B. Brother Wilson shall reside at Torquay, and Brother Chope at Newton-Bushell.

WILLIAM P. BURGESS, M.A., *Chairman of the District*.
 JOHN WILLIAMS, *Financial Secretary*.

XI.—THE BRISTOL DISTRICT.

- 150 *Bristol, North*, (*King-Street, &c.*,) William Smith, 1st, Edward Brice, John Spencer Jones, Richard Roberts; William Griffith, Robert James, Samuel Brown, 1st, David Cornforth, Supernumeraries.
 151 *Bristol, South*, (*Langton-Street, &c.*,) Henry Davies, John Harvard, John F. Moody.
 152 *Kingswood*, Henry Daniel, Joseph Spencer.
 153 *Banwell*, Nathaniel Alston, John Anderson; Henry V. Olver, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Anderson shall reside at Axbridge.
 154 *Weston-super-Mare*, John Vanes, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Bristol South.
 155 *Stroud*, John Connon, Samuel Wesley, Walter P. Johns.
 N.B. Brother Wesley shall reside at Cirencester.
 156 *Dursley*, Thomas Webb, Thomas Denham, John Knowles, 2d.
 N.B. Brother Denham shall reside at Eastington.
 157 *Downend and Winterbourne*, (*near Bristol*,) Sampson Cock, who shall reside at Winterbourne, and change with the Ministers at Kingswood on one Sunday in every six weeks; Daniel Hateley, Supernumerary.
 158 *Gloucester*, William Appleby, Richard Eland, jun.; James Bartholomew, Supernumerary.
 159 *Tewkesbury*, Elijah Toyne, Edward Guest.
 160 *Cheltenham*, John Lambert, John Hebb, Joseph Posnet; George Robinson, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Posnet shall reside at Winchcombe.
 161 *Newport*, (*Monmouthshire*,) John D. Carey, John Dowty, Alexander T. Weir; Charles Haime, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Dowty shall reside at Pillgwenilly.
 162 *Cardiff*, John S. Jones, Thomas Osborn, John Bond.
 N.B. Brother Osborn shall reside at Pontypridd.

- 163 *Bridgend*, Charles Williams, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Cardiff.
- 164 *Monmouth and Forest of Dean*, William Henley ; Thomas Arnett, Supernumerary.
- 165 *Chepstow*, James Aldis, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Newport.
- 166 *Abergavenny*, James Cooke, 3d, who shall change with the Ministers at Pontypool on one Sunday in every six weeks.
- 167 *Pontypool*, William Bytheway, William P. Slater.
- 168 *Ledbury*, William Fox, 2d, Frederick Hart.
N.B. Brother Hart shall reside at Newent.
- 169 *Hereford*, Thomas Haswell, George E. Allen.

HENRY DAVIES, *Chairman of the District.*

WILLIAM SMITH, 1st, *Financial Secretary.*

XII.—THE BATH DISTRICT.

- 170 *Bath*, Robert Newstead, William Davenport ; Joseph Cusworth, Governor of New Kingswood School ; Henry Cheverton, Supernumerary.
- 171 *Bradford, (Wilts.,)* William Elton, Ebenezer Tovey.
N.B. Brother Tovey shall reside at Trowbridge.
- 172 *Midsomer-Norton*, Samuel Broadbent, James Sutch, Joseph Chapman.
- 173 *Frome*, Paul Orchard, sen., John Fletcher, John Cope ; Thomas Fletcher, William Hill, 1st, Aaron Langley, Supernumeraries.
- Warminster*, Edward King, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Frome.
- 174 *Melksham*, Thomas R. Jones, John Poulton.
N.B. Brother Poulton shall reside at Chippenham.
- 175 *Devizes*, William H. Lewis, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Melksham.
- 176 *Shepton-Mallet*, John Smedley, William Swallow.
N.B. Brother Swallow shall reside at Coleford.
- 177 *Castle-Carey, &c.*, James Hughes.
- 178 *Sherborne*, John G. Avery, Edward Addison ; John Bustard, Supernumerary.
- 179 *Weymouth*, James Taylor, 1st, William Wedlock.
N.B. Brother Wedlock shall reside at Portland.
- 180 *Dorchester*, Charles Janion, James Prescott.
- 181 *Shaftesbury*, James Meadmore, William Mearns, M.A.
- 182 *Glastonbury and Somerton*, Joseph Crump, who shall reside at Somerton, and shall change once a month with the Minister at Castle-Carey.

ROBERT NEWSTEAD, *Chairman of the District.*

SAMUEL BROADBENT, *Financial Secretary.*

XIII.—THE FIRST SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

(ENGLISH PREACHING.)

- 183 *Swansea*, John C. Pengelly, John Harding; John Coates, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Harding shall reside at Neath.
- 184 *Merthyr-Tydvil*, John Killick, Edward Collier.
- 185 *Brynmaur*, Samuel Lucas, 2d, William Allen, 3d.
- 186 *Brecon*, John Morgan, John T. Morley; William Davies, 1st, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Morley shall reside at Hay.
- 187 *Carmarthen*, William Williams, 1st, Stephen P. Harvard; Joseph Pratten, Thomas Warren, Supernumeraries.
N.B. Brother Harvard shall reside at Llanelly.
- 188 *Haverford-West*, John G. Wilson, Henry Hicks.
N.B. Brother Hicks shall reside at Milford.
- 189 *Pembroke*, Joseph Fletcher, William H. Bakewell.
JOHN C. PENGELLY, *Chairman of the District.*
WILLIAM WILLIAMS, 1st, *Financial Secretary.*

XIV.—THE SECOND SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

(WELSH PREACHING.)

- 190 *Merthyr-Tydvil*, Owen Owen, Lewis Williams, Charles Nuttall.
- 191 *Crickhowell*, Isaac Jenkins, Henry Wilcox.
N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Ebbw Vale.
- 192 *Cardiff*, Evan Richards, David Jones, 2d.
N.B. Brother Jones shall spend one Sunday in every month in the Cowbridge Circuit, and shall reside at Caerphilly.
- 193 *Cowbridge*, John Lloyd.
N.B. The Superintendents of the two preceding Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every two months.
- 194 *Brecon*, John Jones, 2d.
N.B. The Ministers in the Brecon and Crickhowell Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 195 *Llandilo*, Robert Williams; Morgan Griffith, Supernumerary.
- 196 *Carmarthen*, Evan Davies, David Evans; Hugh Hughes, Supernumerary.
- 197 *Swansea*, Benjamin Roberts; Evan Hughes, Supernumerary.
N.B. The Ministers in the Swansea and Llandilo Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 198 *Lampeter and Cardigan*, Timothy Jones, Henry Parry; Robert Owen, William Hughes, Supernumeraries.
N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Lampeter.

- 199 *St. David's*, Thomas Jones, 2d.
N.B. The Ministers in the Carmarthen and St. David's Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 200 *Aberystwyth*, William Powell, 1st, Richard Evans; Thomas Kilner, Supernumerary.
- 201 *Machynlleth*, John Rees.
N.B. The Ministers in the Machynlleth and Aberystwyth Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
- 202 *Llanidloes*, John Herbert; William Rowlands, Editor and Book-Steward; Edward Jones, 1st, Supernumerary.
- THOMAS JONES, 2d, *Chairman of the District.*
ISAAC JENKINS, *Financial Secretary.*

XV.—THE NORTH WALES DISTRICT.

(WELSH PREACHING.)

- 203 *Ruthin, Denbigh, and Corwen*, David Gravel, John Hughes, 1st, Isaac Jones; Edward Anwyl, Supernumerary.
N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Denbigh.
- 204 *Llangollen*, Robert Jones, 1st, Richard Williams; Griffith Hughes, Supernumerary.
- 205 *Llanrwst*, Humphrey Jones.
- 206 *Abergele and Conway*, Lewis Jones, John Hughes, 2d.
N.B. The Ministers of the Llanrwst and the Abergele and Conway Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
- 207 *Holywell*, William Jones, John Evans.
- 208 *Mold*, Samuel Davies, John Jones, 4th.
- 209 *Llanasa, (near Holywell)*, Thomas Morris.
N.B. The Ministers of the Holywell and Llanasa Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
- 210 *Beaumaris*, John Richards, 1st, who shall change with the Superintendent of Amlwch on one Sunday in every quarter.
- 211 *Amlwch*, John Bartley, Joseph Jones.
N.B. Brother Jones shall reside at Holyhead, and shall divide his labours equally between the Amlwch and Beaumaris Circuits.
- 212 *Carnarvon*, Methuselah Thomas, William Morgan; Richard Bonner, Supernumerary.
- 213 *Bangor*, Thomas Aubrey, Ebenezer Morgan, Robert Jones, 3d.
- 214 *Pwllheli*, James Jones; Evan Edwards, Supernumerary.
- 215 *Barmouth*, John L. Richards, Rowland Whittington.
N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.

- 216 *Dolgelly*, John R. Chambers, Owen Evans.
 217 *Llanfyllin*, William Owen, Evan Pugh; William Batten,
 David Jones, 1st, Supernumeraries.
 218 *Llanfair*, Robert Jones, 2d.
 N.B. The Ministers of the two preceding Circuits
 shall change on two Sundays in every quarter.
 THOMAS AUBREY, *Chairman of the District*.
 JOHN L. RICHARDS, *Financial Secretary*.

XVI.—THE BIRMINGHAM AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT.

- 219 *Birmingham, West, (Cherry-Street, &c.,)* Peter M'Owan,
 Daniel West, Thomas Nightingale, George
 Scott, 2d; James Heaton, Josiah Goodwin, John
 Walsh, Supernumeraries.
 220 *Birmingham, East, (Belmont-Row, &c.,)* William Allen, 1st,
 George Curnock, David Griffiths; Benjamin
 Wood, Henry Ranson, Supernumeraries.
 221 *West-Bromwich*, Robert Sherwell, Edwin J. Sturges.
 222 *Wednesbury*, William Naylor, John P. Hetherington, Nathan
 Rouse, John H. Norton, William Moss; Thomas
 Catterick, Supernumerary.
 223 *Walsall*, John Parkes, Ebenezer Moulton, Richard Woodfin;
 Thomas Edwards, Supernumerary.
 224 *Wolverhampton*, John Kirk, 1st, Henry Smallwood, Thomas Capp.
 N.B. Brother Smallwood shall reside at Bilston.
 225 *Dudley*, James Laycock, Amos Learoyd, Levi Waterhouse,
 Henry Balls.
 226 *Stourbridge*, Thomas J. Walker, John S. Ridsdale; Samuel
 Sugden, Supernumerary.
 227 *Stourport*, Benjamin John, Thomas Green.
 N.B. Brother Green shall reside at Kidderminster.
 228 *Worcester*, James Scholes, John Weatherell.
 N.B. Brother Weatherell shall reside at Droitwich.
 229 *Bromsgrove*, Henry B. Britten, who shall change on one Sunday in
 every six weeks with the Ministers at Worcester.
 230 *Evesham*, William W. Rouch.
 231 *Redditch*, Henry Powis, Joseph Sutton.
 232 *Coventry*, John Collier, John Bowman; Joseph Hunt, Super-
 numerary.
 233 *Leamington*, Joseph T. Sanger, Francis J. Sharr; James Allen, 1st,
 Supernumerary.
 234 *Stratford-upon-Avon*, Thomas Brothwood, who shall change on
 one Sunday in every month with the Minister
 at Evesham.
 235 *Hinckley*, William Piggott, Samuel S. Taylor; John Smith-
 son, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Taylor shall reside at Chilvers
 Coton, near Nuneaton.
 236 *Shrewsbury*, John Brandreth, John V. B. Shrewsbury.

- 237 *Madeley, (near Ironbridge,)* Ralph Stott, William Lindley, James Ford; Edward Sumner, Supernumerary.
 238 *Wellington,* James S. Haigh, John Nowell, 2d, Benjamin Smith.
 239 *Ludlow,* John M. Budden, James L. Posnet.
 240 *Kington,* Samuel Taylor, George Lough.

WILLIAM NAYLOR, *Chairman of the District.*
 ROBERT SHEERWELL, *Financial Secretary.*

XVII.—THE MACCLESFIELD DISTRICT.

- 241 *Macclesfield,* William Burt, Samuel Walker, William T. Radcliffe, George C. Taylor.
 N.B. Brother Walker shall reside at Bollington.
 242 *Buxton,* William Winterburn, Samuel Haigh.
 243 *Congleton,* George Oyston, John B. Dyson.
 244 *Namptwich and Crewe,* John Boyd, Robert Lewis.
 N.B. Brother Lewis shall reside at Crewe.
 245 *Northwich,* John Brown, 2d, Joseph B. West.
 246 *Burslem,* John Tindall, John H. Beech; Myles C. Dixon, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Beech and Brother Dixon shall reside at Hanley:
 247 *Tunstall,* William R. Rogers, Gregory A. Page; John Crofts, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Page shall reside at Kidsgrave.
 248 *Newcastle-under-Lyne,* Joseph Lowthian, Edward B. Pinder.
 N.B. Brother Pinder shall reside at Audley.
 249 *Longton,* William Way, Thomas H. Hill.
 N.B. Brother Hill shall reside at Stoke.
 250 *Stafford,* John Wevill, James F. Masters.
 251 *Leek,* Joshua Priestley, Joseph Midgley, Edmund Oldfield.
 252 *Uttoxeter,* William Parkinson, Joseph L. Ball.
 253 *Cheadle,* Hugh Beech; William Wears, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Beech shall change on one Sunday in every four weeks with the Ministers at Uttoxeter.

WILLIAM BURT, *Chairman of the District.*
 WILLIAM T. RADCLIFFE, *Financial Secretary.*

XVIII.—THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

- 254 *Liverpool, North, (Brunswick Chapel, &c.,)* Henry H. Chettle, George C. Harvard, Josiah Pearson; Thomas Stead, Supernumerary.
 255 *Liverpool, South, (Pitt-Street, &c.,)* Francis A. West, James Dixon, D.D., J. Gilchrist Wilson, John Roberts, 2d; Robert Heys, Supernumerary.
 256 *Birkenhead,* William Hurt, John Jones, 3d.
 N.B. Brother Jones shall reside at Seacombe.
 257 *Liverpool, Welsh, (Benn's Gardens, &c.,)* Richard Prichard, William Davies, 3d; Lot Hughes, David Williams, Supernumeraries.

- 258 *Chester*, Thomas Dickin, William Jessop; John Jones, 1st, Supernumerary.
- 259 *Mold and Buckley-Mount*, George Beard, who shall change with the Ministers of the Chester Circuit once in every six weeks.
- 260 *Carnarvon and Bangor*, (*English*,) John Osborn.
Holyhead, John Nelson, 2d.
 N.B. Brother Osborn and Brother Nelson shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks.
- 261 *Wrexham*, Benjamin Slack, Samuel Atkinson, 2d.
 N.B. Brother Atkinson shall reside at Oswestry.
- 262 *Whitchurch*, (*Salop*,) George Russell, Thomas Wilkinson.
 N.B. Brother Wilkinson shall reside at Market-Drayton.
- 263 *Warrington*, Thomas Staton, John W. Crankshaw; Joseph Burgess, Supernumerary.
- 264 *Runcorn*, John P. Sumner, William T. Nelson.
 N.B. Brother Nelson shall reside at Frodsham.
- 265 *St. Helen's and Prescott*, John Cannell, James S. Thomas.
- 266 *Southport*, William H. Sargent, who shall change with the Ministers at Birkenhead on one Sunday in every six weeks; John Phillips, John Bumstead, William Coultas, Supernumeraries.
- 267 *Ormskirk*, Thomas Rigby, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Wigan.
- 268 *Wigan*, John Smart, Abraham Stead.
- 269 *Preston and Chorley*, George Scott, 1st, James Clapham, William J. Skidmore, John Skidmore; Thomas Slugg, William Jackson, 1st, Supernumeraries.
 N.B. Brother W. J. Skidmore shall reside at Chorley.
- 270 *Garstang*, James P. Fairbourn, John Moore, Edwin Cox.
 N.B. Brother Moore shall reside at Fleetwood.
- 271 *Lancaster*, James Eacott, Joseph Hirst; Thomas Richardson, Supernumerary.
- 272 *Newtown*, Joseph Garrett, George Walker; John Nicklin, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Walker shall reside at Welshpool.

FRANCIS A. WEST, *Chairman of the District*.

HENRY H. CHETTER, *Financial Secretary*.

XIX.—THE MANCHESTER AND BOLTON DISTRICT.

- 273 *First Manchester*, (*Oldham-Street, &c.*,) Peter Duncan, Robert Thompson, Samuel R. Hall, Alexander M'Aulay; William Kelk, Secretary of the Wesleyan Chapel Committee; James Brooke, Ninian Barr, Alexander Hume, Walter Hussey, Supernumeraries.
- 274 *Second Manchester*, (*Irwell-Street, &c.*,) George Taylor, William

- Illingworth, Edward Jones, 2d, George T. Perks;
Thomas Ballingall, Supernumerary.
- 275 *Third Manchester*, (*Grosvenor-Street, &c.*,) Samuel W. Christopher, William Davison.
- 276 *Fourth Manchester*, (*Bridgewater-Street, &c.*,) Robert Leake, William H. Taylor.
(*Welsh*,) Rowland Hughes, who shall act under the direction of the Superintendent of the Fourth Manchester Circuit.
- 277 *Fifth Manchester*, (*Oxford-Road, &c.*,) John Vine, James D. Brocklehurst, John D. Geden; Moses Rayner, John W. Barritt, Supernumeraries.
- 278 *Altrincham*, Peter Budd, James M. Cranswick; William M'Kittrick, Supernumerary.
- 279 *Stockport, North*, (*Tiviot-Dale, &c.*,) John Bedford, Thomas Pennington, Samuel Coley.
- 280 *Stockport, South*, (*Hill-Gate, &c.*,) Joseph Roberts, Samuel Simmons.
- 281 *New-Mills*, Robert J. T. Hawkesley, Henry Cattle.
- 282 *Glossop*, Frederick Payne, Henry Hayman; George Marsden, Supernumerary.
- 283 *Ashton-under-Lyne*, Charles Haydon, Henry Castle, John S. Workman; John Bell, Luke Heywood, Supernumeraries.
N.B. Brother Castle shall reside at Hyde.
- 284 *Oldham*, John Bolam, George Hurst; William Bird, John Heape, Supernumeraries.
- 285 *Saddleworth*, John Raby, who shall change on one Sunday in every five weeks with the Ministers at Oldham.
N.B. Brother Raby shall reside at Upper-Mill, near Manchester.
- 286 *Bolton*, Thomas H. Squance, Edward Nye, James Osborn, Michael Johnson, Samuel Wilkinson, 2d.
N.B. Brother Wilkinson shall reside at Farnworth.
- 287 *Rochdale*, William B. Thorneloe, Henry Pollinger; Richard Heape, Supernumerary.
Heywood, James Godden, who shall change once in every six weeks with the Ministers at Rochdale; Charles Cheetham, Supernumerary.
- 288 *Burnley*, Alexander Strachan, John G. Cox, William Brailey.
- 289 *Bury*, John Relph, Richard Hardy, Joshua Mottram; Samuel Crompton, Supernumerary.
- 290 *Blackburn*, Thomas Armson, Thomas Natrass.
- 291 *Haslingden*, Thomas D. Baines, John Crawshaw; William Sleigh, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Crawshaw shall reside at Accrington.
- 292 *Bacup*, Philip Hardcastle, John Hornby.
N.B. Brother Hornby shall reside at Longholme, Rawtenstall.
- 293 *Colne*, Jonathan Barrowclough, Alfred Lockyer.

- 294 *Clitheroe*, Benjamin Frankland, sen , William J. Frankland.
 295 *Leigh*, Benjamin Gartside.
 N.B. Brother Gartside shall change on one Sunday
 in every six weeks with the Ministers at Bolton.
 JOHN HANNAH, D.D., *Secretary of the Conference, Chairman of
 the District.*
 CHARLES HAYDON, *Financial Secretary.*

XX.—THE HALIFAX AND BRADFORD DISTRICT.

- 296 *Halifax*, James Carr, John Burton, John Lyth; James B.
 Holroyd, Supernumerary.
 297 *Huddersfield, First, (Queen-Street, &c.,)* Isaac Denison, James
 Wheeler, Charles Lawton.
 298 *Huddersfield, Second, (Buxton-Road, &c.,)* Samuel Tindall,
 Gervase Smith.
 299 *Holmfirth*, James Kendall, 2d, Daniel Walton; Thomas Hill,
 Supernumerary.
 300 *Sowerby-Bridge*, Samuel Allen, Thomas Collins, John Eglinton.
 N.B. Brother Eglinton shall reside at Stainland.
 301 *Todmorden*, William Sugden, George Greenwood, William P.
 Peck; Thomas Eckersley, Supernumerary.
 302 *Denby-Dale*, Daniel Farquhar, who shall change once in every
 six weeks with the Ministers of the two Hudders-
 field Circuits alternately.
 303 *Bradford, West, (Kirkgate Chapel, &c.,)* William Barton, David
 Hay, Marmaduke C. Osborn; Stephen Wilson,
 Joseph Pretty, Supernumeraries.
 304 *Bradford, East, (Eastbrook Chapel, &c.,)* Joseph Stinson,
 Benjamin B. Waddy, Thomas Vasey.
 305 *Great-Horton, (near Bradford,)* Samuel Beard, John Walker.
 306 *Keighley*, Robert S. Hardy, William Exley, Jacob Morton.
 N.B. Brother Exley shall reside at Haworth.
 307 *Bingley*, Samuel Merrill, William Wilson, 4th.
 308 *Shipley*, Henry Kirkland, who shall change on one Sunday
 in every five weeks with the Ministers of the two
 Bradford Circuits.
 309 *Skipton*, Benjamin Pearce, Samuel Brocksop; William Levell,
 Supernumerary.
 310 *Addingham*, John Mann, Robert Cass.
 311 *Grassington*, Robert Harrison, who shall change on one Sunday
 in every six weeks with the Ministers at Skipton.
 312 *Settle*, John Weatherstone, Thomas Derry.
 JOSEPH STINSON, *Chairman of the District.*
 THOMAS VASEY, *Financial Secretary.*

XXI.—THE LEEDS DISTRICT.

- 313 *Leeds, First, (Brunswick Chapel, &c.,)* John Rattenbury, John
 M'Owan, Edward Lightwood, Robert Jackson;
 John Roadhouse, Supernumerary.
 314 *Leeds, Second, (Oxford-Place Chapel, &c.,)* Jonathan J. Bates,

- Richard Felvus, William Willan, Theophilus Woolmer.
- 315 *Leeds, Third, (St. Peter's Chapel, &c.,)* James Loutit, Nehemiah Curnock, Charles Rawlings.
- 316 *Leeds, Fourth, (Wesley Chapel, &c.,)* Isaac Keeling, Thomas O. Keysell.
- 317 *Bramley, (near Leeds,)* Benjamin Firth, John Stephenson, Samuel Lord.
- 318 *Wakefield,* Samuel Simpson, Frederick F. Woolley; James Wilson, Supernumerary.
- 319 *Birstal,* Samuel Timms, William J. Shrewsbury, Dixon Naylor; James Fowler, Supernumerary.
- 320 *Dewsbury,* Joseph Floyd, John W. Thomas, Thomas B. Goodwin.
- N.B. Brother Goodwin shall reside at Mirfield.
- 321 *Knaresborough,* Richard Stepney, William Stevinson; Luke Barlow, Supernumerary.
- 322 *Otley,* James Catton, James Harris; William Waterhouse, Zephaniah Job, Supernumeraries.
- 323 *Pateley-Bridge,* Henry Owen, Alfred Abbott.
- 324 *Pontefract,* Thomas Dunn, Aquila Barber, William Faulkner, Robert H. Hare; Thomas Moxon, Supernumerary.
- N.B. Brother Hare shall reside at Knottingley.
- 325 *Cleckheaton,* Samuel Lucas, 1st, who shall change on one Sunday in each month with the Ministers at Dewsbury and Birstal alternately.
- 326 *Yeadon, (near Leeds,)* John Imisson, who shall change on one Sunday in each month with the Ministers at Woodhouse-Grove.
- N.B. Brother Imisson shall reside at Guiseley.
- 327 *Woodhouse-Grove,* John Ryan, 1st, Matthew Giles; William Lord, Governor of Woodhouse-Grove School.
- N.B. 1. Letters to the Superintendent and to the School should be directed to Woodhouse-Grove, Apperley-Bridge, near Leeds.
2. Brother Giles shall reside at Idle (near Leeds).

ISAAC KEELING, *Chairman of the District.*
JOHN RATTENBURY, *Financial Secretary.*

XXII.—THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

- 328 *Sheffield, West, (Carver-Street, &c.,)* Edward Walker, Elijah Jackson, James Little, George Mather; Samuel D. Waddy, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Proprietary School.
- N.B. Brother Mather shall reside at Wadsley.
- 329 *Sheffield, East, (Norfolk-Street, &c.,)* James Methley, William Wilson, 3d, William M. Punshon, James Sugden.
- N.B. Brother Sugden shall reside at Thorncliffe.

- 330 *Chesterfield*, John Roberts, 1st, Thomas Sheldon ; Thomas H. Walker, Supernumerary.
 331 *Bakewell*, John Harrop, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Chesterfield and Bradwell alternately.
 332 *Bradwell*, Thomas Brown, Samuel T. Greathead.
 333 *Rotherham*, John D. Julian, Timothy R. Moxon.
 334 *Wath*, Abel Dernaley, William G. Duncan.
 335 *Doncaster*, Peter Samuel, Joseph Moorhouse, John P. Lockwood ; George Crofts, Supernumerary.
 336 *Barnsley*, Robert M. Willcox, Benjamin Gregory.
 337 *Retford*, Thomas Short, Edward Horton, John Shipham.
 338 *Worksop*, Henry Richardson, John S. Vickers.

JAMES METHLEY, *Chairman of the District.*
 EDWARD WALKER, *Financial Secretary.*

XXIII.—THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT.

- 339 *Nottingham, South, (Halifax Chapel, &c.,)* John P. Haswell, John Hay, James Parkes ; Daniel S. Tatham, Supernumerary.
 340 *Nottingham, North, (Wesley Chapel, &c.,)* James J. Topham, George Roebuck.
 341 *Ilkestone*, Abraham Watmough, who shall change once a month with the Ministers of the two Nottingham Circuits.
 342 *Mansfield*, William B. Dennis, John Bonser, B.A. ; Richard Allen, Supernumerary.
 343 *Newark*, Joseph Raynar, Henry Hastling ; John Hickling, Supernumerary.
 344 *Bingham*, George Hobill, John Locke.
 345 *Leicester*, Charles Hawthorne, Thomas S. Wood ; David Deakin, Supernumerary.
 346 *Melton-Mowbray*, John Newton, Richard Petch.
 347 *Oakham*, Robert W. Broomfield.
 N.B. Brother Broomfield shall change on one Sunday in each alternate month with the Ministers at Melton-Mowbray and Stamford.
 348 *Stamford*, Thomas Shaw, Henry W. Holland ; John Ingham, Supernumerary.
 349 *Grantham*, James C. Hindson, Thomas Crosby.
 350 *Peterborough*, William Drewett, Thomas Wilde.
 351 *Loughborough*, Jesse Edgoose, Edward J. Robinson.
 352 *Castle-Donington*, Thomas Jones, 1st, John Rhodes.
 353 *Derby*, George F. White, John M. Kirk, Anthony Ward.
 354 *Ashbourne*, Frederick Slight, who shall change once a month with the Ministers at Derby.
 355 *Belper*, John Simon, George Smith, 2d.
 356 *Ripley, (near Alfreton,)* Henry Graham, John A. Armstrong.
 357 *Ashby-de-la-Zouch*, Seth Dixon, John Richards, 2d.

- 358 *Burton-on-Trent*, John Wilson, 1st, Abel Burgess.
 359 *Cromford*, Francis S. Keeling, Robert T. Rundle.

JOHN P. HASWELL, *Chairman of the District*.
 JAMES J. TOPHAM, *Financial Secretary*.

XXIV.—THE LINCOLN DISTRICT.

- 360 *Lincoln*, Willson Brailsford, Henry W. Williams, William Ford; William Bacon, John M'Lean, Supernumeraries.
 361 *Sleaford*, John Keightley, Charles Nightingale, William Shaw, 2d.
 362 *Market-Raisen*, George Birley, Thomas Hughes; Thomas Padman, Supernumerary.
 363 *Louth*, Richard Ray, Robert Bond, John E. Cooke, Alexander T. James.
 364 *Horncastle*, Wright Shovelton, Martin Jubb, Peter Featherstone; James Hopewell, Supernumerary.
 365 *Alford*, William Binning, John Talbot; Robert Bryant, Supernumerary.
 366 *Coningsby*, William Bramford, who shall change with the Ministers at Boston and Horncastle, once in every seven weeks with each Circuit.
 367 *Spilsby*, Thomas Cocking, Edward Bramford.
 368 *Boston*, James Grose, Daniel Chapman.
 369 *Wainfleet*, John Eaton, George Buckley.
 N.B. Brother Buckley shall reside at Wrangle.
 370 *Spalding*, Edmund Lockyer, Felix H. Pickworth.
 N.B. Brother Pickworth shall reside at Holbeach.
 371 *Bourne*, James Lemmon, who shall change once in nine weeks with the Ministers of the Spalding Circuit.

RICHARD RAY, *Chairman of the District*.
 WILLSON BRAILSFORD, *Financial Secretary*.

XXV.—THE HULL DISTRICT.

- 372 *Hull, West*, (*Walkham-Street, &c.*,) John Lomas, Joseph Beaumont, M.D., Joseph Hargreaves; Benjamin Hudson, Joseph Cheesewright, Supernumeraries.
 373 *Hull, East*, (*George-Street, &c.*,) William Crookes, William Cattle, George Dickinson.
 374 *Beverley*, Matthew Cranswick, Richard Bell; Charles North, Supernumerary.
 375 *Driffeld*, William Robson, Edmund B. Warters, James Allen, 3d.
 376 *Howden*, Samuel Fiddian, Joseph Officer, Richard Smetham.
 377 *Patrington*, John Tucker, William Swindells.
 378 *Hornsea*, John Ward, 2d, Theophilus Pearson.
 379 *Grimsby*, Peter C. Horton, Thomas Thompson, M.A., Joseph Heaton, Ebenezer R. Talbot, M.A.
 380 *Gainsborough*, Robert Lyon, John Nicholson.

- 381 *Epworth*, Henry Wilkinson, Charles Currelly.
N.B. Brother Currelly shall reside at Ouston-Ferry,
near Bawtry.
- 382 *Snaith*, John Ward, 1st, Charles G. Turton, Joseph Exell;
James Bate, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Exell shall reside at Goole.
- 383 *Brigg*, William Parker, William H. Robson.
- 384 *Barton*, Thomas Brumwell, Edward Stokes, William
Allen, 4th; John Nowell, 1st, Supernumerary.
- 385 *Bridlington*, William Bridgnell, William H. Clarkson, William
Dawson; Edmond Knaggs, Supernumerary.
N.B. The first and second Ministers shall reside at
Bridlington-Quay.

JOHN LOMAS, *Chairman of the District.*

PETER C. HORTON, *Financial Secretary.*

XXVI.—THE YORK DISTRICT.

- 386 *York*, Israel Holgate, William Bond, Frederick Griffiths,
John Hartley; John Burdsall, William Carlton,
Thomas Eastwood, William Jewitt, Supernu-
meraries.
- 387 *Tadcaster*, Josiah Hudson, John Walters.
- 388 *Pocklington*, Joseph Kipling, William Chambers.
- 389 *Malton*, Matthew Banks, James Findlay, Charles Garrett;
Daniel Jackson, Supernumerary.
- 390 *Easingwold*, John Rossell, Joseph Mortimer, John Parry.
N.B. Brother Mortimer shall reside at Helmsley.
- 391 *Scarborough*, John E. Coulson, James P. Dunn, Henry J. Booth.
- 392 *Pickering*, Richard Hornabrook, Richard Smailes; Joseph
Frank, Supernumerary.
- 393 *Thirsk*, William Ash, Jonathan Cadman, George E. Young;
John Kemp, Supernumerary.
- 394 *Ripon*, Thomas Savage, Matthew Salt.
- 395 *Selby*, Henry Hine, Richard Sergeant, Thomas Brookes.

ISRAEL HOLGATE, *Chairman of the District.*

WILLIAM BOND, *Financial Secretary.*

XXVII.—THE WHITBY AND DARLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 396 *Whitby*, Isaac Woodcock, John Watson, Jabez Ingham.
N.B. Brother Ingham shall reside at Fryup.
- 397 *Stokesley*, Thomas Pearson, 1st, John Hanson, Humphrey M.
Wightwick; Joseph Hutton, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brothers Hanson and Hutton shall reside at
Guisborough.
- 398 *Darlington*, Theophilus Pugh, Joseph Portrey, William Hirst.
N.B. Brother Hirst shall reside at Sedgefield.
- 399 *Stockton*, Robert Inglis, John Blackwell, William H. Bam-
bridge; Thomas Pearson, 4th, John Owen, Super-
numeraries.

- 400 *Barnard-Castle*, Thomas M. Fitzgerald, Edward Crofts, George Abbott.
 401 *Bishop-Auckland*, John Haigh, Thomas M'Cullagh.
 402 *Middleham*, Peter Wilkinson, Henry J. Staley.
 403 *Hawes and Sedburgh*, Benjamin N. Haworth, who shall change with the Ministers at Middleham one Sunday in every six weeks.
 404 *Richmond*, John Lewis, 1st, Charles Bingant.
 405 *Reeth*, Harry Pedley, William Fern.
 406 *Bedale*, John Hague, James Faulkner; William Shackleton, Supernumerary.

THEOPHILUS PUGH, *Chairman of the District.*
 ROBERT INGLIS, *Financial Secretary.*

XXVIII.—THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

- 407 *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, William W. Stamp, William R. Williams, Luke Tyerman; Francis Neale, Supernumerary.
 408 *Gateshead*, Robert Cooke, William Ingram.
 409 *North-Shields*, Charles Carter, Thomas Garbutt.
 410 *Blyth and Morpeth*, John Jackson, Jacob Turvey.
 N.B. Brother Turvey shall reside at Morpeth.
 411 *South-Shields*, William J. Bullivant, Richard Brown.
 412 *Sunderland*, Thomas S. Monkhouse, John Randerson, John Clulow; George Clarke, Supernumerary.
 413 *Houghton-le-Spring*, John H. Faull, John Pogson.
 414 *Durham*, William Wilson, 2d, William Hales, Robert Stephenson, B.A.
 415 *Wolsingham*, John M. Joll, Andrew Rennard.
 N.B. Brother Rennard shall reside at St. John's, Weardale.
 416 *Hexham*, Hugh Johnson, William H. Cave.
 417 *Shotley-Bridge*, Thomas Pearson, 2d, Richard Martin.
 418 *Alston*, Thomas Burrows, William Jackson, 3d.
 419 *Allendale-Town*, George Clement, Thomas Haslam.
 420 *Alnwick*, George Turner, 2d; James Dunbar, Supernumerary.
 421 *Berwick*, Robert Totherick, who shall change on two Sundays in each quarter with the Ministers at Alnwick.
 WILLIAM W. STAMP, *Chairman of the District.*
 THOMAS S. MONKHOUSE, *Financial Secretary.*

XXIX.—THE CARLISLE DISTRICT.

- 422 *Carlisle*, Joseph Watson, John Bramley.
 423 *Brampton*, Lancelot Railton, who shall change on one Sunday in every six weeks with the Ministers at Carlisle.
 424 *Whitehaven and Workington*, Ambrose Freeman, Henry B. Brown.
 N.B. Brother Brown shall reside at Workington.

- 425 *Cockermouth and Keswick*, Robert Brown, Joseph R. Cleminson.
N.B. Brother Cleminson shall reside at Keswick.
- 426 *Appleby*, Christopher Newton, Peter Prescott.
N.B. Brother Prescott shall reside at Brough.
- 427 *Penrith*, George Hughes, John I. Dredge, William W. Duke.
- 428 *Wigton and Maryport*, Samuel Bowman, John Hooton.
N.B. Brother Hooton shall reside at Maryport, and devote his labours on every third Sunday to the Whitehaven and Workington Circuit.
- 429 *Kendal*, Thomas M. Rodham, James Chalmers, M.A.; William Huddleston, Supernumerary.
N.B. Brother Chalmers shall reside at Kirkby-Lonsdale.
- 430 *Ulverstone*, George Patterson, Rupert Chawner.
- 431 *Dumfries*, Alexander Mansie, who shall change once a quarter with the Ministers at Carlisle.
- JOSEPH WATSON, *Chairman of the District.*
AMBROSE FREEMAN, *Financial Secretary.*

XXX.—THE ISLE OF MAN DISTRICT.

- 432 *Douglas and Castletown*, John Rigg, William Shearman, George W. Olver, B.A.
- 433 *Ramsay and Peel*, Samuel Brown, 2d, John Livingstone, William O. Aldom.
- JOHN RIGG, *Chairman of the District.*

XXXI.—THE EDINBURGH AND ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

- 434 *Edinburgh*, George Turner, 1st, Joseph B. Dawson; Humphrey Stevenson, Supernumerary.
- 435 *Dunbar and Haddington*, William Unsworth, who shall change on one Sunday in every quarter with the Ministers at Edinburgh.
- Greenock*, Thomas T. Dilks, who shall change with the Minister in the Glasgow East Circuit on one Sunday in every six weeks.
- 436 *Glasgow, West*, Jacob Stanley, Theophilus Talbot.
- 437 *Glasgow, East*, William A. Quick.
- 438 *Airdrie*, George P. Hester, Robert Balshaw.
N.B. The Superintendent shall reside at Kilsyth, and Brother Balshaw at Airdrie.
- 439 *Stirling and Doune*, John C. George.
- 440 *Ayr*, Samuel Healey.
- 441 *Aberdeen*, Jabez Palmer, Joshua Mason, Thomas L. Parker.
- 442 *Dundee*, John Drake.
- 443 *Perth*, John Mearns, who shall change once in every six weeks with the Minister at Dundee.
- 444 *Arbroath and Montrose*, Uriah Butters, Marshall Randles.

- 445 *Banff*, John Reacher.
 446 *Inverness*, George Smith, 1st, who shall change with the Minister
 at Banff on one Sunday in every quarter.
 GEORGE TURNER, 1st, *Chairman of the District*.
 JOHN DRAKE, *Financial Secretary*.

XXXII.—THE SHETLAND ISLES DISTRICT.

- 447 *Lerwick*, William Parsonson, Charles J. Williams.
 N.B. Brother Williams shall reside at Dunrossness.
 448 *Walls*, William Foster.
 449 *North-Mavin and Delting*, John T. Duncan.
 450 *North Isles*, Jonathan Dent; William Langridge, Supernumerary.
 N.B. Brother Dent shall reside in the Island of
 Unst.
 WILLIAM PARSONSON, *Chairman of the District*.

IRELAND.

I.—THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

- 451 *Dublin, South*, (*Centenary Chapel, &c.*) Robert Masaroon,
 Wallace M'Mullen, William Guard Price;
 Robinson Scott, Governor and Chaplain of the
 Connexional School; William Ferguson, William
 Crook, sen., Thomas Beamish, Henry M.
 Beale, A.B., Supernumeraries.
 452 *Dublin, North*, (*Abbey-Street Chapel, &c.*) John Williams, John
 Bagley, Charles L. Grant; Michael Burrows,
 Supernumerary.
 453 *Kingstown*, Robert Wallace; George M'Elwain, Charles
 M'Cormick, George Burrows, John Jebb, Super-
 numeraries.
 454 *Drogheda*, John Greer, William G. Campbell.
 455 *Wicklow*, John C. Storey, who is to reside in Rathdrum,
 Charles Wood.

ROBERT MASAROON, *Chairman of the District*.

II.—THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

- 456 *Waterford*, John Nelson, John Duncan.
 457 *Carlow*, Edward M. Banks, William Gorman; Robert
 Banks, John Harrington, who is to reside in
 Athy, Supernumeraries.
 458 *Newtownbarry*, James Collier, Robert Carey.
 459 *Wexford*, John Oliver, Thomas A. M'Kee.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District*.

III.—THE CORK DISTRICT.

- 460 *Cork*, William P. Appelbe, LL.D., James B. Gillman;
Joshua Harman, Supernumerary.
461 *Queenstown*, John F. Mathews.
462 *Bandon*, John H. Atkins, John Gilchrist;—Thomas Waugh;
John Liddy, Supernumerary.
463 *Skibbereen*, George Vance, John D. Powell.

• THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

- 464 *Limerick*, William Cather, George Grant.
465 *Roscrea*, John Hill, Richard Maxwell.
466 *Cloughjordan*, John Higgins; John Rogers, Supernumerary.
N.B. Letters for Brother Higgins should be directed
to Borrisokane.

JOHN HILL, *Chairman of the District.*

V.—THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

- 467 *Tullamore*, James Patterson, Thomas K. Whitaker.
468 *Athlone*, Mortlock Long.
469 *Maryborough*, John Carey, William Christie.
470 *Longford*, Robert Black, Joseph Johnston.

JOHN CAREY, *Chairman of the District.*

VI.—THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

- 471 *Sligo*, Robert Bruce, Robert Crook, A.B.
472 *Castlebar*, James Hutchison, who shall change on two Sundays
in every quarter with the Missionary in Westport.
473 *Ballina*, Robert Bell, who shall change on two Sundays in
every quarter with the Missionary in Killala.
474 *Boyle*, Francis Morrow, who is to reside in Drumshambo,
James Carey.

ROBERT BRUCE, *Chairman of the District.*

VII.—THE CLONES DISTRICT.

- 475 *Clones*, Robert Hewitt, Robert Collier, who is to reside in
Belturbet.
476 *Cootehill*, John Hazleton, Wilson J. Storey.
477 *Cavan*, James Henry, Robert Johnson.
478 *Monaghan and Castleblaney*, John Foster, who is to reside in
Monaghan, Edward Johnston, 2d, who is to reside
in Castleblaney.
479 *Aughnacloy*, Robert H. Lindsay, who shall change on one Sunday
in each quarter with Brother Foster at Monaghan.

ROBERT H. LINDSAY, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

- 480 *Enniskillen*, John Nash, Robert J. Meyer; Robert Crozier,
John Nesbitt, Supernumeraries.
481 *Brookborough*, Robert Hamilton, James Donnelly.
482 *Manorhamilton*, John Gilbert, Thomas Cooke.
483 *Lowtherstown*, Frederick Elliott, John Wilson; William Douglas,
Supernumerary.
484 *Ballyshannon and Pettigo*, Robert A. Devers, Francis Douglas.

JOHN NASH, *Chairman of the District.*

IX.—THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

- 485 *Londonderry*, Henry Price, Thomas Guard.
486 *Strabane*, William Hoey, 1st, James Edwards; William Finlay,
Supernumerary.
487 *Omagh*, John Hughes, William Hopkins; Arthur Noble,
Supernumerary.

HENRY PRICE, *Chairman of the District.*

X.—THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

- 488 *Belfast, South*, (*Donegal-Square Chapel, &c.*) William Reilly,
Joseph W. M'Kay, Robert Hazleton; Samuel
M'Dowell, Edward Johnston, 1st, Supernumeraries.
489 *Belfast, North*, (*Frederick-Street Chapel, &c.*) Daniel M'Afee,
Robert Huston, Robert G. Jones; Samuel
Downing, Edward Cobain, John Holmes, Supernumeraries.
490 *Ballyclare*, Thomas Foster.
491 *Donaghadee*, James Hughes, Benjamin Bayly, who resides in
Newtownards.
492 *Carrickfergus*, Thomas Hickey, who resides in Larne, James C.
Bass.
493 *Coleraine*, James Tobias, Oliver M'Cutcheon.
494 *Magherafelt*, Robert G. Cather, A.M., George Chambers, Samuel
Johnson, who is to reside in Newtownlimavaddy.
N.B. Letters for Brother Cather to be directed to
Cookstown.
495 *Lisburn*, John Saul, William Swanton; James Johnston,
Supernumerary.
496 *Downpatrick*, James Donald, William C. Doonan.

WILLIAM REILLY, *Chairman of the District.*

XI.—THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

- 497 *Newry*, Thomas Meredith, John Dwyer, who is to reside in
Warrenpoint.
498 *Dungannon*, John Armstrong, John R. Porter; Edward Hazleton,

- who resides in Moy, Nathaniel Hobart, Supernumeraries.
 N.B. Letters for Brother Hobart to be directed to Coal-Island.
- 499 *Armagh*, Thomas Ballard, John W. Ballard; William Armstrong, Supernumerary.
- 500 *Lurgan*, William Mulloy, William Brown.
- 501 *Moirá*, Jeremiah Wilson.
- 502 *Dromore*, Edward Harpur, who is to supply Moira one Sunday forenoon in each month.
- 503 *Tandragee*, James Black, Thomas Pearson.
- 504 *Portadown*, William Hoey, 2d, Colin M'Kay.
- THOMAS BALLARD, *Chairman of the District.*

IRISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

I. EUROPE.

IRELAND.

- 1 *Lucan and Trim*, William Lough, Samuel Patterson.
- 2 *Kilkenny*, Henry J. Giles, George Alley.
- 3 *Youghal*, Richard T. Tracy.
- 4 *Fermoy*, Samuel Cowdy.
- 5 *Kinsale*, Thomas Moran, who shall change with the Ministers in Bandon, under the direction of the Superintendent of that Circuit.
- 6 *Berehaven-Mines*, William Crook, jun.
- 7 *Tralee*, John Donald.
- 8 *Killarney*, Hugh Moore; William Keys, Supernumerary.
- 9 *Ballinasloe*, Samuel Ferguson.
- 10 *Nenagh and Killaloe*, Robert H. Campbell.
- 11 *Kilrush and Ennis*, Henry Geddes, John Walker, who is to reside in Ennis.
- 12 *Galway*, James Murdock, who shall change with the Missionary in Connemara on one Sunday in each quarter; William Cornwall, Supernumerary.
- 13 *Connemara*, William B. LeBert, who is to reside in Clifden.

THE WEST CONNAUGHT MISSIONS.

- 14 *Westport*, Gibson M'Millen.
- 15 *Killala*, Thomas W. Baker.
- 16 *Belmullet and Erris*, William Quail.
- 17 *Donegal*, John Feely, William Burnside; Francis Stephens, Supernumerary.
- 18 *Rathmelton*, Robert Beauchamp.
- 19 *Ballymena*, Edward Best; Thomas M'Lorinan, who resides in Antrim, Supernumerary.
- N.B. Instead of re-appointing a General Missionary to travel on the Mission Stations, the

Conference resolves that there shall again be, in the course of the next year, a visitation of the Missions and Circuits in general, by deputations of Ministers, according to well-arranged plans, embracing as many places as practicable on every tour; and that another additional Missionary shall be stationed on a locality which presents an important opening for Missionary operations. The plan for the visitation of Missions and Circuits to be arranged at the August District-Meetings.

MEDITERRANEAN MISSIONS.

- 20 *Gibraltar, (English and Spanish Departments,)* George Alton.

II. ASIA.

CEYLON.

I.—THE SINGHALESE DISTRICT.

(SOUTH.)

- 21 *Colombo, South, (Fort and Colpetty,)* Daniel J. Gogerly, Daniel H. Pereira, Native Minister.
 22 *Colombo, North, (Pettah,)* Andrew Kessen, LL.D. (who is Principal of the Native Normal Institution, and Central School, under the Central School Commission, appointed by the Ceylon Government); John A. Poulter, Native Minister.
 23 *Negombo,* Daniel D. Pereira, Native Minister.
 24 *Seedua and Minuangodde,* Joseph Fernando, Assistant Native Minister.
 25 *Wellewatte,* David de Silva, Native Minister.
 N.B. The Negombo, Seedua, and Wellewatte Circuits are under the care of the Superintendent of the Colombo North Circuit.
 26 *Galkisse and Angulani,* Cornelius Wijesingha, Native Minister; Henry Pereira, Assistant Native Minister.
 27 *Morotto,* P. G. de Zylva, Native Minister.
 28 *Pantura, Bandaragama, and Raigam Corle,* Cornelius W. de Hoedt, Native Minister.
 29 *Caltura,* John R. Parys, Native Minister.
 30 *Galle and Amblangodde,* Joseph Rippon.
 31 *Belligam,* A Catechist.
 32 *Matura,* William A. Lalmon, Native Minister.
 33 *Dondra,* Paul Rodrigo, Native Assistant Minister.
 34 *Goddapitiya,* A Catechist.
 N.B. The Belligam, Matura, Dondra, and Goddapitiya Circuits are under the care of the Superintendent of the Galle Circuit.

DANIEL J. GOGERLY, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in South Ceylon.*

II.—THE TAMUL DISTRICT.

(NORTH.)

- 35 *Jaffna, Wannarponne, and Puttoor*, Richard D. Griffith; William Barber, Educational Department; John S. Philips, Native Minister.
- 36 *Point-Pedro and Cattavelly*, Simon Gasperson, Native Minister.
N.B. The Point-Pedro Circuit is under the care of the Superintendent of the Jaffna Circuit.
- 37 *Trincomalee*, John Walton.
- 38 *Batticaloa, First, (Pulean-teevo)*, John Kilner.
- 39 *Batticaloa, Second, (Caravaoor)*, Richard Watson, Native Minister.
N.B. The Batticaloa Second Circuit is under the care of the Superintendent of the Batticaloa First Circuit.

RICHARD D. GRIFFITH, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in North Ceylon.*

CONTINENTAL INDIA.

I.—THE MADRAS DISTRICT.

- 40 *Madras*, Ebenezer E. Jenkins, Arminius Burgess. One wanted. Elias Gloria, Assistant Missionary.
- 41 *Negapatam, Trivaloor, and Manargoody*, William O. Simpson. One wanted. James Hobday, Assistant Missionary.
- 42 *Trichinopoly*, John Pinkney; Peter James Evers, Assistant Missionary.

II.—THE MYSORE DISTRICT.

- 43 *Bangalore, (Canarese)*, John Garrett, Daniel Sanderson, Thomas B. Glanville. One wanted. William Walker, Assistant Missionary.
- 44 *Bangalore, (Tamil)*, Joseph Little.
- 45 *Mysore*, Thomas Hodson, Edward J. Hardey, Joseph Morris.
- 46 *Toomkoor and Goobbee*, One wanted.
- 47 *Coonghul*, Henry O. Sullivan, East Indian Minister.
N.B. Peter Batchelor has leave of absence from the District for the recovery of his health.

THOMAS HODSON, *Chairman and General Superintendent of the Madras and Mysore Districts.*

CHINA.

- 48 *Canton*, George Piercy, William R. Beach, Josiah Cox, Samuel Hutton, Samuel J. Smith, John Preston.
GEORGE PIERCY, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONS IN AUSTRALASIA AND POLYNESIA. AUSTRALIA.

I.—THE NEW SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

WILLIAM BINNINGTON BOYCE, *General Superintendent of the Missions in New-Zealand, the Friendly Islands, and Feejee.*

- 49 *Sydney, North, (York-Street,)* Thomas T. N. Hull, Stephen Rabone; Peter Turner, Supernumerary.
- 50 *Sydney, South, (Chippendale,)* Benjamin Chapman, and one supplied.
- 51 *Sydney, East, (Surrey-Hills,)* John Watsford; Nathaniel Turner, William Schofield, Supernumeraries.
- 52 *Paramatta,* Henry H. Gaud; Walter Lawry, David Haslewood, Supernumeraries.
- 53 *Windsor,* Joseph Oram, and one supplied.
- 54 *Bathurst, and the Turon Gold-Fields,* Samuel Wilkinson, 1st; Joseph Fillingham, Assistant Missionary.
- 55 *Hunter-River,* Francis Tuckfield; William J. K. Piddington, Assistant Missionary.
- 56 *Bowenfels,* John W. Pemell.
- 57 *Camden,* One supplied.
- 58 *Mudgee,* One supplied.
- 59 *Wollongong,* One supplied.
- 60 *Goulburn and Araluen,* Benjamin Hurst, and two supplied.
- 61 *Moreton-Bay,* John G. Millard, and one supplied.
- 62 *Port-Macquarie,* James Somerville.

WILLIAM BINNINGTON BOYCE, *Chairman of the District.*

II.—THE VICTORIA DISTRICT.

- 63 *Melbourne, West, (Collins-Street,)* John Eggleston, James S. Waugh, William S. Byrnes; Frederick Lewis, Supernumerary.
N.B. James S. Waugh is to reside at St. Kilda.
- 64 *Melbourne, East, (Collingwood,)* John C. Symons, Assistant Missionary; William Hill, 2d.
- 65 *Melbourne, North, (Immigrants' Home,)* William Butters.
- 66 *Geelong,* Isaac Harding, Richard Hart.
- 67 *Brighton,* Edward Sweetman. One wanted.
- 68 *Williamstown,* William C. Currey.
- 69 *Port-Fairy,* One supplied.
- 70 *Portland,* William Lightbody.
- 71 *Casilemaine, (Forest-Creek Gold-Fields,)* William P. Wells.
- 72 *Sandhurst, (Bendigo Gold-Fields,)* Thomas Raston.
- 73 *Ballarat Gold-Fields,* Theophilus Taylor.
- 74 *Beechworth, (The Ovens' Gold-Fields,)* One supplied.
- 75 *Kyneton,* James Bickford.
- 76 *Indented Head,* One wanted.
- 77 *Pentridge,* One wanted.

WILLIAM BUTTERS, *Chairman of the District.*

III.—THE SOUTH AUSTRALIA DISTRICT.

- 78 *Adelaide, North, (Brompton, Walkerville, &c.,)* Daniel J. Draper.
One supplied.
- 79 *Adelaide, South, (Pirie-Street, &c.,)* Thomas Williams ; Joseph Dare, Assistant Missionary.
- 80 *Port-Adelaide,* One supplied.
- 81 *Gawler-Town and Kapunda,* One supplied.
- 82 *Mount-Barker,* Matthew Wilson. One wanted.
- 83 *Burra-Burra,* Robert C. Flockhart, Assistant Missionary.
- 84 *Willunga and Clarendon,* John Harcourt. One wanted.

DANIEL J. DRAPER, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA DISTRICT.

- 85 *Swan-River, (Perth, &c.,)* William Lowe ; Samuel Hardey, Supernumerary.
- 86 *York, &c.,* John Smithies.
- 87 *Freemantle,* One wanted.
- 88 *King George's Sound,* One wanted.

JOHN SMITHIES, *Chairman of the District.*

V.—THE VAN DIEMEN'S LAND DISTRICT.

- 89 *Hobart-Town,* John A. Manton. One wanted.
- 90 *New-Norfolk,* Charles W. Rigg, Assistant Missionary.
- 91 *Campbell-Town,* Thomas B. Harris.
- 92 *Launceston,* Jonathan Innes. One wanted.
- 93 *Longford,* Jabez B. Waterhouse.
- 94 *Westbury,* One wanted.
- 95 *Oatlands,* One supplied.
- 96 *Deloraine,* One wanted.

JOHN A. MANTON, *Chairman of the District.*

NEW-ZEALAND.

VI.—THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 97 *Auckland,* James Buller ; William Woon, Supernumerary.
- 98 *Wesleyan College and Seminary,* Joseph H. Fletcher.
- 99 *Native Institution, (Three Kings,)* Alexander Reid.
- 100 *Manukau,* Thomas Buddle.
- 101 *Kawhia,* John Whiteley.
- 102 *Aotea, (Beecham-Dale,)* Gideon Smales.
- 103 *Waingarua,* James Wallis.
- 104 *Waipa,* George Buttle.
- 105 *Mangungu,* John Hobbs.
- 106 *Waima,* John Warren.
- 107 *Wairoa, (Kaipara,)* Henry H. Lawry.
- 108 *New-Plymouth and Mokau,* Henry H. Turton.

JOHN WHITELEY, *Chairman of the District.*

VII.—THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 109 *Wellington and the Hutt*, James Watkin, Charles Creed.
- 110 *Wairarapa*, One wanted.
- 111 *Wanganui*, One wanted.
- 112 *Waimate and Waitotara*, George Stannard.
- 113 *Nelson*, Samuel Ironside.
- 114 *Motucka*, One wanted.
- 115 *Canterbury Settlement*, John Aldred.
- 116 *Waikowaiti and Moeraki*, William Kirk.
- 117 *Otago Settlement*, One wanted.

JAMES WATKIN, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE FRIENDLY ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- 118 *Tongatabu*, John Thomas, 1st, Thomas Adams, Walter J. Davis.
- 119 *Habai, Tugua, &c.*, Thomas West. One wanted. Peter Vi, David Kata, Native Assistant Missionaries.
- 120 *Vavau, Falevai, &c.*, George Daniel, John Vercoe; Benjamin Latuselu, John Faubula, Native Assistant Missionaries.
- 121 *Niua-Tabutabu*, Under the care of Native Teachers.
- 122 *Niua-Fo-ou*, John Latu, Native Assistant Missionary.
- 123 *Uvea, or Wallis's Island*, Vacant for the present.

JOHN THOMAS, 1st, *Chairman of the District.*

IX.—THE FEEJEE DISTRICT.

- 124 *Lakemba, the Neav Islands, Ono and Vatoa, the Moala Group, and the Vanuambalairi Group, &c.*, Richard B. Lyth, John Polglase; Samuel Waterhouse, Assistant Missionary; William Wilson, 5th; Joel Bulu, Native Assistant Missionary, who resides at Ono.
- 125 *Viwa and Bau*, Joseph Waterhouse, Assistant Missionary; John Fordham; Paul Vea, Native Assistant Missionary.
- 126 *Ovalau*, James Calvert.
- 127 *Bua*, William Moore, Assistant Missionary.
- 128 *Nandy*, John Malvern.
- 129 *Lomaloma, Oneata, Nokorotumba, and Rotumah*, Under the care of Native Teachers.

RICHARD B. LYTH, *Chairman of the District.*

III. AFRICA.

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

I.—THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE DISTRICT.

- 130 *Cape-Town*, William Moister, General Superintendent; Matthew Godman.

- 131 *Rondebosch*, John Thomas, 2d; Barnabas Shaw, Supernumerary.
 132 *Wynberg and Diep-River*, Benjamin Ridsdale.
 133 *Simon's Town and Elsey's River*, George Parsonson.
 134 *Stellenbosch and Raithby*, Edward Edwards.
 135 *Somerset (West) and Terrington-Grove*, Richard Ridgill.
 136 *Khamies-Berg, (Little Namaqualand,)* John A. Baillie.
 137 *Nisbett-Bath, (Great Namaqualand,)* Joseph Tindall, Assistant Missionary.
 138 *Hoole's-Fountain, (Great Namaqualand,)* Henry Tindall, Assistant Missionary.

WILLIAM MOISTER, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the Cape of Good Hope District.*

II.—THE ALBANY, KAFFRARIA, AND BECHUANA DISTRICT.

COLONIAL CIRCUITS.

- 139 *Graham's-Town*, William Shaw, 1st, General Superintendent; George H. Green.
 140 *Graham's-Town, Wesley Chapel, (Kaffir Mission,)* William Impey.
 141 *Salem and Farmerfield*, John Smith, 3d.
 142 *Bathurst and Lower Albany*, John Wilson, 2d.
 143 *Fort-Beaufort*, Ebenezer D. Hepburn.
 144 *Heald-Town, (Division of Fort-Beaufort, Kaffir Mission,)* John Ayliff.

N.B. The two Missionaries in these Circuits shall change on every third Sunday.

- 145 *Port-Elizabeth and Uitenhage*, James Cameron.
 146 *Cradock*, John Edwards.
 147 *Somerset*, William C. Holden.
 148 *Burgher's-Dorp*, Purdon Smailes.
 149 *Queen's-Town*, Henry H. Dugmore.
 150 *D'Urban, (Kaffir Mission,)* Fort-Peddie, William H. Garner.
 151 *Newton-Dale*, No resident Minister.

N.B. The Ministers of the Colonial Circuits are to change regularly under the direction of the General Superintendent.

BRITISH KAFFRARIA.

- 152 *Mount-Coke and Wesleyville*, Francis P. Gladwin, John W. Appleyard.
 N.B. Brother Appleyard is Editor, and Superintendent of our Mission Press.
 153 *King-William's Town and East London*, George Chapman.
 154 *Kamastone*, William Shepstone.
 155 *Kama's Tribe, Keiskamma*, William Sargeant.
 156 *Lesseyton, Invani, and Bonkolo*, Under the superintendence of the Minister at Queen's-Town.
 157 *Wittebergen*, Johannes P. Bertram.

KAFFRARIA PROPER.

1. AMAXOSA.

- 158 *Butterworth*, Vacant for the present.
 159 *Beecham-Wood*, One requested.

2. ABATEMBU.

- 160 *Clarkebury*, J. Stewart Thomas.
 161 *Morley*, One requested.

3. AMAMPONDO.

- 162 *Buntingville*, Charles White.
 163 *Shawbury*, No resident Missionary.

THE BECHUANA COUNTRY.

- 164 *Thaba-Unchu*, (*Baralongs*,) and *Lokuala*, (*Basutos*,) Joseph D. M. Ludorf.
 165 *Plaatberg*, (*Newlanders and Basutos*,) Richard Giddy.
 166 *Lishuani*, *Umpukani*, and *Mirametsu*, (*Basutos*,) Gottlob Schreiner.
 167 *Imparani*, (*Bailokua*,) Under the superintendence of the Missionary at *Plaatberg*.
 168 *Colesberg*, Under the superintendence of the Chairman of the District.
 169 *Bloem-Fontein*, Under the care of the Chairman of the District.
 170 *Tauane's Tribe*, (*Baralongs*,) Vacant.

WILLIAM SHAW, 1st, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in South-Eastern Africa.*

III.—THE PORT-NATAL AND AMAZULU DISTRICT.

- 171 *D'Urban*, Calvert Spenseley.
 172 *Pietermauritzberg*, Horatio Pearse. One wanted. Joseph Jackson, Supernumerary.
 173 *Kwangubeni*, (*Zwaartkops*,) One earnestly requested.
 174 *Indaleni*, Joseph Gaskin.
 175 *Palmerton*, (*Faku's Mission*,) Thomas Jenkins.

HORATIO PEARSE, *Chairman of the District.*

WESTERN AFRICA.

I.—SIERRA-LEONE.

- 176 *Free-Town*, *King Tom's Point*, James Edney, Lionel D. Reay, Francis Teal, Robert Dillon.
 177 *Wilberforce*, *Aberdeen*, *Congo-Town*, *Murray-Town*, *New-Town*, *Lumley*, &c., Joseph Wright.
 178 *Hastings*, *Wellington*, &c., George H. Decker.
 179 *York*, *Plantain's Island*, &c., Joseph May.

JAMES EDNEY, *General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Missions in Sierra-Leone.*

II.—THE GAMBIA.

- 180 *St. Mary's*, George Meadows, John Bridgart.
 181 *Barra*, No resident Missionary.
 182 *M'Carthy's Island*, Charles Knight, Native Minister.

GEORGE MEADOWS, *General Superintendent of the Gambia Missions.*

III.—THE GOLD COAST, ASHANTI, AND OTHER PARTS OF GUINEA.

- 183 *Cape-Coast, Dixcove, &c., &c.*, Thomas B. Freeman; John Ossu Ansah, J. Solomon, Edward J. Fynn, Native Assistant Missionaries.
 184 *Anamabu, Abassa, &c., &c.*, Timothy Laing, Native Assistant Missionary.
 185 *Domonasi, &c., &c.*, George P. Brown, Native Assistant Missionary.
 186 *James-Town, (Akrah,) &c., &c.*, Henry Wharton.
 187 *Kumasi and Juabin*, One wanted.
 188 *Whydah, Porto-Novo, and Little Popo*, Joseph Dawson, Native Assistant Missionary.
 189 *Lagos, Abbeokuta, Badagry*, Ebenezer A. Gardiner; Edward Bickersteth, Native Assistant Missionary.

THOMAS B. FREEMAN, *General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Missions in Guinea.*

IV. AMERICA.

WEST INDIES.

I.—THE ANTIGUA DISTRICT.

- 190 *Antigua*, Henry Bleby, Samuel Simons, Walter Garry, Robert Gilbert.
 191 *Dominica*, William Satchell.
 192 *Montserrat*, Samuel Smyth.
 193 *Nevis*, William Ritchie, William F. Turtle.
 194 *St. Christopher's*, James Cox, William T. Waymouth, Thomas M. Chambers, Theophilus S. Gregory.
 195 *St. Eustatius and St. Bartholomew's*, Benjamin Tregaskis.
 196 *St. Martin's and Anguilla*, George Sargeant.
 197 *Tortola, (Virgin Islands,)* Robert Hawkins, Joshua Jordan.

JAMES COX, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the Antigua District.*

II.—THE ST. VINCENT AND DEMERARA DISTRICT.

- 198 *St. Vincent's, Kingstown*, John Horsford, William Williams, 3d, John Smith, 4th, John J. Corlett.
 199 *St. Vincent's, Biabou*, Joseph Biggs, Thomas Butcher, Tilney

- Rising; William H. Griffith, Assistant Missionary.
- 200 *Grenada*, William Limmex.
- 201 *Trinidad*, James Banfield; Gilbert Irvine, Assistant Missionary.
- 202 *Tobago*, David Barley, John Moses.
- 203 *Demerara, George-Town*, John Corlett, Henry Padgham, Samuel Brown, 3d. One to be sent.
N.B. Brother Padgham is to reside at New-Amsterdam.
- 204 *Demerara, Mahaica, and Victoria*, William Hudson, William Cleaver.
- 205 *Barbadoes*, Hilton Cheesbrough, Henry Hurd, Richard Wrench, John Wood, 2d, Henry P. Wilson, Henry Pimm.

HILTON CHEESBROUGH, *Chairman, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the St. Vincent and Demerara District.*

III.—THE JAMAICA DISTRICT.

- 206 *Kingston*, Jonathan Edmondson, General Superintendent; Joseph Webster; William Holdsworth, Assistant Missionary.
- 207 *Montego-Bay*, Edwin Blake.
- 208 *Spanish-Town*, Samuel Burrell.
- 209 *Morant-Bay*, Alexander Foote.
- 210 *Guy's-Hill and Watsonville*, William Tyson.
- 211 *Grateful-Hill*, William Sinclair.
- 212 *Falmouth*, George Smith, 3d.
- 213 *St. Ann's Bay*, One wanted.
- 214 *Ocho-Rios*, Timothy Curtis.
- 215 *Beechamville*, William Hodgson.
- 216 *Bath*, James Rowden.
- 217 *Port-Antonio*, John Vaz, Assistant Missionary.
- 218 *Clarendon*, Herbert Carter.
- 219 *Mount-Ward, Savannah-la-Mar, and Black-River*, William West.
- 220 *Brown's-Town*, George Millsom.
- 221 *Duncan's*, Edward Fraser.
- 222 *Yallahs*, James Kerr.
- 223 *Mount-Fletcher*, Richard Harding.
- 224 *Linstead*, William G. Steadman.
- 225 *Manchioneal*, Henry B. Foster.
- 226 *Belize and Ruatan, (Honduras-Bay,)* Herbert W. Haime, Edward D. Webb.

JONATHAN EDMONDSON, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions and Schools in Jamaica.*

IV.—THE BAHAMA DISTRICT.

- 227 *New-Providence*, Edmund Botterell, William English.
- 228 *Eleuthera, First, (Rock-Sound, &c.,)* Thomas Lofthouse.

- 229 *Eleuthera, Second, (Governor's Harbour, &c.,)* Francis Moon.
 230 *Harbour-Island,* James T. Hartwell.
 231 *Abaco,* Thomas Cannell.
 232 *Turk's-Islands,* William Heath.

ST. DOMINGO.

- 233 *Port-au-Plaat, Samana, &c.,* James H. Cheeswright; Peter Van der Horst, Assistant Missionary.

EDMUND BOTTERELL, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions in the Bahama Islands and St. Domingo.*

V.—THE HAYTI DISTRICT.

- 234 *Port-au-Prince,* Mark B. Bird. One earnestly requested.
 235 *Jérémie,* Othello Bayard, Assistant Missionary.
 236 *Cayes,* St. Denis Bauduy.
 237 *Cape-Haïtien and Gonaïves,* Charles H. Bishop; Francis Eldin, Assistant Missionary.

MARK B. BIRD, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Hayti Missions.*

THE BRITISH DOMINIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

I.—CANADA.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

- 238 *Mount-Elgin and Muncey,* Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School; John Sunday, Abraham W. Sickles.
 239 *St. Clair,* Solomon Waldron.
 240 *New-Credit,* Matthew Whiting.
 241 *Grand-River,* William Ryerson, Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.
 242 *Bowmanville and Schoogog,* Thomas Cosford, John Mills.
 243 *Mud-Lake,* John Sanderson.
 244 *Rice-Lake,* William Herkimer.
 245 *Alderville,* James Musgrove, whose attention will be principally directed to the Industrial School; William Case, with permission to visit different parts of the work, as his health and circumstances may permit.
 246 *Rama,* Horace Dean.
 247 *Beausoleil and French-River,* To be supplied.
 248 *Owen's Sound,* Samuel Fear; John Neelands, Supernumerary.
 249 *Nawash and Colpoy's-Bay,* Conrad Vandusen.
 250 *Saugeeng,* Peter Jacobs.
 251 *Lake-Superior, North Shore,* George Blaker.
 252 *Snake-Island and South Shore, Lake-Simcoe,* To be supplied.
 253 *Garden-River,* George W. M'Dougall.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

- 254 *Erin*, To be supplied.
 255 *Mono*, William Steer, Supernumerary.
 256 *Penetanguishene-Road*, Stephen Brownell.
 257 *Proton*, Thomas Culbert.
 258 *Kincardine*, William Creighton.
 259 *Bruce-Mines*, Joseph Hill.
 260 *Durham*, To be supplied.
 261 *Derby*, David Hunt.
 262 *Amherstburgh*, E. L. Koyle.
 263 *Sandwich and Windsor*, Edward White, Thomas Peacock.
 264 *Wallaceburgh*, To be supplied.
 265 *Wardsville*, William Ames.
 266 *Strathroy*, John K. Williston.
 267 *Warwick*, To be supplied.
 268 *Devonshire*, John Webster.
 269 *Goderich*, Charles Sylvester, James Clarke.
 270 *Morpeth*, Joseph Hugill. One wanted.
 271 *Nanticoke*, John Goodfellow. One wanted.
 272 *Welland*, Thomas Jeffers. To be supplied. John Baxter, Superannuated.
 273 *Cainsville*, Robert Corson. One to be sent.
 274 *Elora*, James Armstrong. One wanted.
 275 *Peel*, Henry Reid. One wanted. Ezra Adams, Supernumerary.
 276 *Cartwright*, Thomas Hanna.
 277 *Metcalfe*, To be supplied.
 278 *Lindsay*, John C. Osborne, Garrett J. Dingman.
 279 *Shannonville*, Peter Germain.
 280 *Hungerford*, Nelson Brown.
 281 *Madoc*, Michael Baxter; Stephen Miles, Supernumerary.
 282 *Rawdon*, John Black.
 283 *Norwood*, George Carr, J. Fawcett.
 284 *Bath and Amherst-Isle*, George Beynon, Aaron Mills.
 285 *Sheffield*, To be supplied.
 286 *Hinchinbrook*, John D. Pugh.
 287 *Cornwall*, John Howes, Robert Hobbs.
 288 *Winchester*, Robert Brewster.
 289 *Sherbrooke*, David Hardie; Alvah Adams, Supernumerary.
 290 *Richmond*, William Coleman, Henry M'Dowell.
 291 *Lochaber*, William Burns.
 292 *Osgood*, William M. Pattyson. One to be sent.
 293 *Gattineau*, Silas Huntingdon.
 294 *Clarendon and Portage-du-Fort*, Luther Houghton. One to be sent.
 295 *Westmeath*, Richard M. Hammond.
 296 *Stouffville*, Cornelius Flummerfelt.
 297 *St. Mary's*, Charles W. M. Gilbert.
 298 *Mitchell*, Lucius Adams.
 299 *Montreal, Centre*, Wellington Jeffers.

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- 300 *Montreal, East*, James H. Bishop.
301 *Montreal, West*, William Scott.
302 *Quebec*, William Pollard.
303 *Point-Levi*, One wanted.
304 *Three-Rivers*, Charles de Wolfe, A.M.
305 *Rawdon*, Erastus Hurlburt.
306 *St. John's*, John Carroll.
307 *Chambly*, John Douglas, Supernumerary.
308 *Odell-Town and Hemingford*, James Brock, John S. Evans.
309 *Huntingdon*, Isaac Barber.
310 *Russelltown*, Richard Wilson.
311 *Clarenceville*, Henry Lanton.
312 *St. Armand's*, James Norris.
313 *Dunham*, Rufus A. Flanders, Samuel E. Philips; Edmund S. Ingalls, Supernumerary.
314 *Shefford and Granby*, Giffard Dorey, Barnabas Hitchcock.
315 *Stanstead*, John Tomkins.
316 *Hailey and Compton*, John B. Selley.
317 *Coaticoke*, One wanted.
318 *Sherbrooke*, Benjamin Slight, A.M.
319 *Eaton*, Robert Graham.
320 *Dudswell*, One wanted.
321 *Melbourne*, Malcolm M'Donald.
322 *Danville*, One wanted.
323 *Leeds*, John Armstrong, 8d.
324 *Chaudière*, One wanted.
325 *Gaspé*, One wanted.

HUDSON'S BAY AND ROCKY MOUNTAINS DISTRICT.

- 326 *Norway-House, Lake-Winnipeg*, Thomas Hurlburt.
327 *Oxford-House*, Robert Brooking.
328 *Lac-la-Pluie*, Allen Salt.
329 *Edmonton and Rocky-Mountains*, H. Stienhaur.
THOMAS HURLBURT, *Chairman of the District.*

II.—THE NOVA-SCOTIA WEST, AND BERMUDA DISTRICT.

- 330 *Halifax and Dartmouth*, Matthew Richey, D.D., John B. Brownell; William Bennett, William Croscombe, Henry Pope, sen., Supernumeraries.
331 *Musquodoboit*, John L. Sponagle, Assistant Missionary.
332 *St. Margaret's-Bay and Sambro*, Charles Stewart, Assistant Missionary.
333 *Lunenburg*, Jeremiah V. Jost.
334 *Petite-Rivière*, Henry Pope, jun.
335 *Liverpool and Mill's-Village*, William Wilson, 1st; Frederick W. Moore, Samuel Avery, Assistant Missionaries.
N.B. Brother Moore shall reside at Mill's Village.

- 336 *Shelburne*, Joseph Hart, Assistant Missionary.
 337 *Barrington*, Richard Weddall.
 338 *Yarmouth*, Frederick Smallwood.
 339 *Horton*, Roland Morton.
 340 *Cornwallis*, John Brewster.
 341 *Windsor*, James England.
 342 *Newport*, Thomas H. Davies; John Marshall, Supernumerary.
 343 *Maitland*, George W. Tuttle; Thomas Harris, 2d, Assistant Missionary.
 344 *Bermuda*, Isaac Whitehouse, Thomas M. Albrighton; James Horne, Supernumerary.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D., *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

III.—THE NOVA-SCOTIA EAST, AND PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND, DISTRICT.

- 345 *Charlotte-Town*, John M'Murray; Joseph Herbert Starr, Assistant Missionary. One wanted. John B. Strong, Supernumerary.
 346 *Pownal*, Alexander M. Desbrisay, Assistant Missionary.
 347 *Bedeque and Tryon*, Wesley C. Beals; William C. M'Kinnon, Assistant Missionary.
 348 *Truro and River-John*, George O. Huestis. One wanted. James Buckley, Supernumerary.
 349 *Amherst*, Richard Smith.
 350 *Parrsborough*, Alexander B. Black, Assistant Missionary.
 351 *Wallace*, William M'Carty.
 352 *River-Philip*, Robert E. Crane.
 353 *Guysborough and Canso*, James B. Narraway; James Burns, Assistant Missionary.
 354 *Ship-Harbour*, One wanted.
 355 *Sydney, Cape-Breton*, Thomas Gaetz, Assistant Missionary.

JOHN M'MURRAY, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

IV.—THE NEW-BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

- 356 *St. John, South*, James G. Hennigar, William T. Cardy; George B. Payson, Assistant Missionary.
 357 *St. John, North*, William Smithson.
 358 *St. John, West*, Richard Knight; Duncan D. Currie, Assistant Missionary; John Allison, Supernumerary.
 359 *Fredericton*, Charles Churchill.
 360 *Nashwaak*, Robert Tweedy, Assistant Missionary.
 361 *Sheffield*, George Johnson.
 362 *Burton*, George S. Milligan, M.A., Assistant Missionary.
 363 *Mill-Town*, Robert Cooney, M.A.
 364 *St. Stephen's*, Ingham Sutcliffe; William Tweedy, Assistant Missionary.

- 365 *St. Andrew's*, Arthur M'Nutt.
 366 *Sackville*, William Temple; Albert Desbrisay, Supernumerary.
 367 *Wesleyan Academy, Mount-Allison, Westmoreland*, Humphrey Pickard, A.M., Principal; Ephraim Evans, D.D., Governor and Chaplain.
 368 *Point-de-Bute*, William Smith, 2d.
 369 *Petitcodiac*, James Taylor, 2d.
 370 *Hopewell*, Joseph F. Bent.
 371 *Sussex-Vale*, John Prince.
 372 *Woodstock*, William Allen, 2d; Robert Duncan, Assistant Missionary.
 373 *Andover*, Charles Gaskin, Assistant Missionary.
 374 *Annapolis, (Nova-Scotia,)* George M. Barratt.
 375 *Bridge-Town, (Nova-Scotia,)* Michael Pickles; Richard Williams, George Miller, Supernumeraries.
 376 *Aylesford, (Nova-Scotia,)* Christopher Lockhart.
 377 *Digby, &c., (Nova-Scotia,)* Robert A. Chesley.
 378 *Miramichi*, John Snowball.
 379 *Richibucto*, Thomas B. Smith, Assistant Missionary.
 380 *Bathurst*, Robert A. Temple.
 381 *Dalhousie*, Vacant.

RICHARD KNIGHT, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.*

V.—THE NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

- 382 *St. John's*, Thomas Angwin, Samuel W. Sprague.
 383 *Harbour-Grace*, To be supplied.
 384 *Carbonear*, William E. Shenstone.
 385 *Blackhead*, John S. Addy.
 386 *Perlican and Island-Cove*, Hezekiah M'Keown, Assistant Missionary.
 387 *Port-de-Grave*, Adam Nightingale.
 388 *Brigus*, John S. Phinney, Assistant Missionary.
 389 *Trinity-Bay*, Vacant.
 390 *Bonavista*, Thomas Smith.
 391 *Green-Bay*, Paul Prestwood.
 392 *Burin*, Elias Brettle.
 393 *Grand-Bank*, John S. Peach.
 394 *Hant's-Harbour*, Under the care of the Chairman.

THOMAS ANGWIN, *Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent of the Missions and Schools in Newfoundland.*

N.B. Richard Fletcher, Joseph H. Rylance, and Aaron Edman are under the direction of the Missionary Committee.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE IN
CANADA, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CON-
FERENCE.

ENOCH WOOD, *President of the Conference, and General
Superintendent of Missions.*

(Brother E. Wood's address is Yorkville, C.W.)

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

ISAAC B. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

I.—THE TORONTO DISTRICT.

- 1 *Toronto, East,* John Gemley, John Bredin; Anson Green, D.D.,
who is our Representative to the English Con-
ference; George R. Sanderson, Book-Steward;
James Spencer, Editor; Lachlin Taylor, Agent
of the Upper Canada Bible Society, by permission
of the Conference; Thomas Demorest, Agent for
Connexional Funds, under the direction of the
Book Committee.
- 2 *Toronto, West,* John Borland, Ephraim B. Harper, Charles
Lavell.
- 3 *Yonge-Street,* Richard Jones, William S. Blackstock.
- 4 *Humber,* Robert Lohead, Benjamin Jones.
- 5 *Brampton,* Samuel C. Philp, Reuben E. Tupper, Joseph E.
Sanderson.
N.B. Brother Philp's address is Streetsville.
- 6 *Cooksville,* Benjamin Nankeville; Jonathan Scott, Super-
annuated.
- 7 *Oshawa,* David B. Madden, Robert Fowler; Peter Ker,
Superannuated.
- 8 *Markham,* John Law, Henry Jones; David Youmans,
Superannuated.
- 9 *Nelson,* Thomas Campbell, Ashton Fletcher; David
Wright, Superannuated.
N.B. Brother Campbell's address is Trafalgar.
- 10 *Milton,* John Hunt.
- 11 *George-Town,* William Andrews.
- 12 *Stouffville,* Cornelius Flummerfelt.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman of the District.*

II.—THE HAMILTON DISTRICT.

- 13 *Hamilton,* James Elliott, William Haw, George N. A. F. T.
Dickson; Samuel Belton, Superannuated.
- 14 *Dundas,* Isaac B. Howard, James Harris.
- 15 *Waterdown,* Joseph Messmore.
- 16 *Glandford and Seneca,* Thomas Williams, James Clark; Andrew
Prindel, Superannuated.

- 17 *Nanticoke*, John Goodfellow. To be supplied.
 18 *Dunnville*, Luther O. Rice. One to be sent.
 19 *Grimsby*, Simon Huntingdon, William Richardson.
 20 *Stoney-Creek*, John English.
 21 *St. Catharine's*, George Goodson.
 22 *Thorold*, Thomas Bevitt, Edward H. Dewart, who is to reside at St. John's.
 23 *Drummondville*, Alexander T. Green.
 24 *Niagara*, Claudius Byrne.
 N.B. The Preachers on the Drummondville and Niagara Circuits shall change regularly.
 25 *Welland*, Thomas Jeffers. To be supplied. John Baxter, Superannuated.
 N.B. Brother Jeffers's address is Crowland.
 26 *Cainsville*, Robert Corson. One wanted.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman of the District.*

III.—THE BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

- 27 *Brantford*, Noble F. English; Hamilton Biggar, Rowley Heyland, Superannuated.
 28 *Mount-Pleasant*, William S. Griffin. One wanted.
 29 *Paris*, Joseph Shepley. One wanted.
 30 *Woodstock*, William M'Cullough, James Dixon.
 31 *St. George*, Thomas Fawcett.
 32 *Galt*, George Kennedy.
 33 *Ingersoll*, Ozias Barber, John Wakefield.
 34 *Norwich*, Peter German. To be supplied.
 35 *Simcoe*, Edwin Clement.
 36 *Dover*, William Chapman; Edwy M. Ryerson, Supernumerary.
 37 *Walsingham*, Matthew Swann. One to be sent. Matthias Holtby, Supernumerary.
 38 *Aylmer*, Francis Berry, William Williams.
 39 *Vienna*, Orrin H. Ellsworth.
 40 *New-Credit*, Matthew Whiting. One wanted.
 41 *Grand-River*, William Ryerson; Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE LONDON DISTRICT.

- 42 *London*, Henry Wilkinson, Thomas Stobbs.
 43 *London Circuit*, Thomas Cleghorn, Thomas Crews; Edmund Stoney, Thomas Harmon, Superannuated.
 44 *Mount-Elgin and Muncey*, Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School; John Sunday, Abraham W. Sickles.
 45 *St. Thomas*, William Price, Samuel E. Maudsley.
 46 *Port-Sarnia*, John G. Laird. One wanted.
 47 *Strathroy*, John K. Williston.
 48 *Warwick*, To be supplied.

- 49 *Port-Stanley*, Francis Chapman.
 50 *St. Clair*, Solomon Waldron.
 51 *Devonshire*, John Webster.
 52 *Belmont*, Richard Phelps.

SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman of the District.*

V.—THE CHATHAM DISTRICT.

- 53 *Chatham*, Edmund Shepherd, Thomas D. Pearson.
 54 *Wardsville*, William Ames.
 55 *Wallaceburgh*, To be supplied.
 56 *Morpeth*, Joseph Hugill. One wanted.
 57 *Gosfield*, William Dignam.
 58 *Sandwich and Windsor*, Edward White, Thomas Peacock.
 59 *Amherstburgh*, E. L. Koyle.

EDMUND SHEPHERD, *Chairman of the District.*

VI.—THE GUELPH DISTRICT.

- 60 *Guelph*, Lewis Warner, Richard Clarke.
 61 *Elora*, James Armstrong. One wanted.
 62 *Berlin and Blenheim*, John Williams, Andrew Smith.
 63 *Peel*, Henry Reid. One wanted. Ezra Adams, Superannuated.
 64 *Stratford*, George Case.
 65 *St. Mary's*, Charles W. M. Gilbert.
 66 *Clinton*, Alexander Campbell.
 67 *Goderich*, Charles Sylvester, George Cochran.
 68 *Mitchell*, Lucius Adams.
 69 *Kincardine*, William Creighton.
 70 *Arthur*, One to be sent.
 71 *Mono*, John L. Kerr ; William Steer, Superannuated.
 72 *Erin*, To be supplied.
 73 *Wellesley*, To be supplied.
 74 *Grey*, John Armstrong, 1st.
 75 *Morris*, To be supplied.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman of the District.*

VII.—THE OWEN'S SOUND DISTRICT.

- 76 *Nawash and Colpoy's-Bay*, Conrad Vandusen.
 77 *Owen's Sound*, Samuel Fear ; John Neelands, Supernumerary.
 78 *St. Vincent*, To be supplied.
 79 *Saugeeng*, Peter Jacobs.
 80 *Southampton*, George Jacques.
 81 *Derby*, David Hunt.
 82 *Durham*, To be supplied.
 83 *Walker's-Mills*, One wanted.
 84 *Proton*, Thomas Culbert.
 85 *Osprey*, To be supplied.
 86 *Bruce-Mines*, Joseph Hill.

87 *Garden-River*, George W. M'Dougall.

88 *Lake-Superior, North Shore*, George Blaker.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE BARRIE DISTRICT.

89 *Barrie*, John Douse, John S. Clarke.

90 *Bradford*, William Young, Richard J. Foreman.

91 *Cookstown*, Joel Briggs.

92 *Newmarket*, William Willoughby, William M'Donagh.

93 *Holland-Landing*, Andrew Edwards.

94 *Snake-Island*, To be supplied.

95 *Brock*, George T. Richardson.

96 *Rama*, Horace Dean.

97 *Orillia*, To be supplied.

98 *Penetanguishene-Road*, Stephen Brownell.

99 *Beausoleil and French-River*, To be supplied.

100 *Collingwood-Harbour*, Edward Sallows.

JOHN DOUSE, *Chairman of the District.*

IX.—THE COBOURG DISTRICT.

101 *Cobourg*, George H. Davis; Samuel S. Nelles, A.M.,
Principal of Victoria College; Samuel D. Rice,
Governor; James Taylor, John Shaw, Students;
John Beatty, Superannuated.

102 *Port-Hope*, Joseph W. M'Collum, William Tomlin.

103 *Bowmanville*, Thomas Cosford, John Mills.

104 *Newcastle*, John Hutchinson.

105 *Cartwright and Schoogog*, Thomas Hanna. One to be sent.

106 *Milbrook*, James Hughes. One to be sent. Moses Black-
stock, Supernumerary.

107 *Peterborough*, William H. Poole.

108 *Mud-Lake*, John Sanderson.

109 *Rice-Lake*, William Herkimer.

110 *Alderville*, James Musgrove, whose attention shall be princi-
pally directed to the Industrial School; William
Case, with permission to visit different parts of
the work, as his health and circumstances
may permit.

111 *Colborne*, James G. Witted.

112 *Lindsay*, John C. Osborne, who will exchange with the
Minister at Metcalfe once in six weeks; Garrett
J. Dingman.

113 *Metcalfe*, To be supplied.

114 *Norwood*, George Carr, John Fawcett.

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Chairman of the District.*

X.—THE BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

115 *Belleville*, George Young.

116 *Consecon*, Michael Fawcett, Charles Taggart; Cyrus R.
Allison, Superannuated.

- 117 *Picton*, James C. Slater, George Briers; Gilbert Miller,
Daniel M'Mullen, Supernumeraries.
118 *Sidney*, John Lever. One to be sent.
119 *Brighton*, William M'Fadden, Thomas Woolsey.
120 *Demorestville*, Vincent B. Howard.
121 *Shannonville*, Peter Germain.
122 *Hungerford*, Nelson Brown.
123 *Madoc*, Michael Baxter; Stephen Miles, Superannuated.
124 *Rawdon*, John Black.
125 *Percy and Seymour*, William H. Williams, Jay Youmans.

WILLIAM M'FADDEN, *Chairman of the District.*

XI.—THE KINGSTON DISTRICT.

- 126 *Kingston*, John Ryerson, George Douglas, George M'Ritchie;
Henry Byers, Supernumerary.
127 *Napanee*, George F. Playter. To be supplied.
128 *Wilton*, John A. Williams, Abraham Dayman.
129 *Bath and Amherst-Isle*, George Beynon, Aaron Miller.
130 *Waterloo*, William Philp.
131 *Gananoque*, Charles Turver.
132 *Newborough*, Robert Robinson. One to be sent.
133 *Farmersville*, David Clappison, John W. German.
134 *Newburgh*, Charles Fish; Isaac B. Aylesworth, Supernu-
merary.
135 *Sheffield*, To be supplied.
136 *Hinchinbrook*, John D. Pugh.
137 *Storrington*, To be supplied.

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate, Chairman of the District.*

N.B. Brother S. D. Rice will take charge of this District until the Co-Delegate returns from Hudson's-Bay.

XII.—THE BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

- 138 *Brockville*, Richard Whiting.
139 *Prescott*, James Gray.
140 *Maitland*, Asahel Hurlburt, Edwin Peake.
141 *Perth*, David C. M'Dowell.
142 *Kemptville*, James Greener. To be supplied. Henry Shaler,
Superannuated.
143 *Matilda*, Francis Coleman. One to be sent.
144 *Smith's-Falls*, Sylvester Hurlburt; William Brown, Supernu-
merary.
145 *Carlton-Place*, Joseph Reynolds, William Braden.
146 *Packenham*, John Armstrong, 2d.
147 *Merrickville*, David Jennings.
148 *Cornwall*, John Howes, Robert Hobbs.
149 *Winchester*, Robert Brewster.
150 *Sherbrooke*, David Hardie; Alvah Adams, Superannuated.

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Chairman of the District.*

XIII.—THE BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 151 *Bytown*, Kennedy Creighton.
 152 *Aylmer*, William M'Gill.
 153 *Richmond*, William Coleman, Henry M'Dowell.
 154 *St. Andrew's*, Thomas W. Constable, William Scales.
 155 *L'Orignal*, William Morton, Andrew Armstrong.
 156 *Cavignall*, One to be sent.
 157 *Lochaber*, William Burns.
 158 *Osgood*, William M. Pattyson. One to be sent.
 159 *Gattineau*, Silas Huntingdon.
 160 *Clarendon and Portage-du-Fort*, Luther Houghton. One to be sent.
 161 *Westmeath*, Richard M. Hammond.
 162 *Huntley*, Thomas M'Mullen.
 163 *Grenville*, To be supplied.

KENNEDY CREIGHTON, *Chairman of the District.*

CANADA EAST DISTRICT.

- 164 *Montreal, Centre*, Wellington Jeffers.
 165 *Montreal, East*, James H. Bishop.
 166 *Montreal, West*, William Scott.
 167 *Quebec*, William Pollard.
 Point-Levi, One wanted.
 168 *Three-Rivers*, Charles de Wolf, A.M.
 169 *Rawdon*, Erastus Hurlburt.
 170 *St. John's*, John Carroll.
 171 *Chambly*, John Douglas, Supernumerary.
 172 *Odell-Town and Hemingford*, James Brock, John S. Evans.
 173 *Huntingdon*, Isaac Barber.
 174 *Russelltown*, Richard Wilson.
 175 *Clarenceville*, Henry Lanton.
 176 *St. Armand's*, James Norris.
 177 *Dunham*, Rufus A. Flanders, Samuel E. Philips ; Edmund S. Ingalls, Supernumerary.
 178 *Shefford and Granby*, Gifford Dorey, Barnabas Hitchcock.
 179 *Stanstead*, John Tomkins.
 180 *Hatley and Compton*, John B. Selley.
 181 *Coaticoke*, One wanted.
 182 *Sherbrooke*, Benjamin Slight, A.M.
 183 *Eaton*, Robert Graham.
 184 *Dudswell*, One wanted.
 185 *Melbourne*, Malcolm M'Donald.
 Danville, One wanted.
 186 *Leeds*, John Armstrong, 3d.
 187 *Chaudière*, One wanted.
 188 *Gaspé*, One wanted.

HUDSON'S-BAY AND ROCKY-MOUNTAINS DISTRICT.

- 189 *Norway-House, Lake-Winnipeg*, Thomas Hurlburt.
 190 *Oxford-House*, Robert Brooking.
 191 *Lac-la-Pluie*, Allen Salt.
 192 *Edmonton and Rocky-Mountains*, Henry Stienhaur.

THOMAS HURLBURT, *Chairman of the District.*

CONFÉRENCE MÉTHODISTE FRANÇAISE.

Président, CHARLES COOK, D.T.

STATIONS DES PASTEURS ET DES PROPOSANTS,
POUR L'ANNÉE 1854—1855.

I.—DISTRICT DU NORD.

Président, PIERRE LUCAS.

- 1 *Paris*, James Hocart, un Ministre Anglais, Jean-Paul Cook ; Charles A. de Boinville, Ministre en retraite.
 2 *Pas-de-Calais*,
 Saint Pierre-lès-Calais, Pierre Lucas.
 3 *Calvados, L'Orne, &c.*,
 Lisieux, Philippe Guiton.
 Fresnes, Frédéric Prunier, Evangéliste.
 Saint-Malo, Antoine Berrus, Evangéliste.
 4 *Meuse et Haute-Marne*,
 Bar-le-Duc, Guillaume Ogier.
 Joinville, Jean Le Lièvre.
 5 *Vaud, (Suisse,)*
 Lausanne, Henri de Jersey.
 Aigle, Louis Martin.

II.—DISTRICT DU MIDI.

Président, MATTHIEU GALLIENNE.

- 6 *Nîmes et La Vaunage*,
 Nîmes, Charles Cook, D.T., Luc Pulsford.
 Vauvert, Philippe Hocquard.
 Congénies, Philippe le Gresley, Evangéliste.
 7 *Cevennes, (Est,)*
 Anduze, Gédéon Jaulmes.

- Alais*, Clément Gilly, Evangéliste.
 8 *Cevennes, (Ouest,)*
Ganges, Matthieu Gallienne.
Le Vigan, Simon Dugand.
La Salle, Philippe Neel.
 9 *Puy-de-Dôme*,
Pontgibaud, Frédéric Johnson, Evangéliste.
 10 *Drôme*,
Bourdeaux, Pierre Massot.
Nyons, Emile F. Cook.
 11 *Hautes-Alpes et Piémont*,
Guillestre, Jean-Louis Rostan.
 12 *Bouches-du-Rhône et la Corse*,
Marseille, François Farjat.
 N.B. Pierre Roy est en disponibilité pour l'Ile
 de Jersey.

Q. VIII. What is the NUMBER OF MEMBERS in our Societies?

A. As follows, viz.,—

IN GREAT BRITAIN.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
FIRST LONDON	2026	Tunbridge-Wells	334
Richmond	102	Lewes	128
Uxbridge	70	Brighton	470
Second London	977	St. Alban's	468
Third London	1310	Guildford	209
Fourth London	910	Dorking	97
Fifth London	1762	BEDFORD, &c.	1127
Sixth London	820	Leighton-Buzzard	829
Seventh London	758	Luton	1136
Eighth London	1521	Dunstable	952
Deptford	445	St. Neots	600
Woolwich	396	Biggleswade	542
Hammersmith	557	Hitchin	166
Croydon	229	Huntingdon	586
Barking	175	Northampton	760
Hertford	174	Towcester	563
Cambridge	472	Daventry, &c.	511
Windsor	270	Newport-Pagnell	328
Chelmsford	209	Higham-Ferrers	360
Maldon	200	Wellingborough	270
Colchester	498	Kettering	174
Manningtree	804	Market-Harborough	113
Ipswich	387	Chatteris	343
Hastings	458	Oundle	232
Sevenoaks	278	CANTERBURY	557

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Faversham	341	Poole and Wareham	516
Rochester	394	Wimborne	336
Gravesend	371	Ringwood	91
Sheerness	219	Newport (Isle of Wight)	506
Margate	640	Southampton, &c.	525
Dover	669	Andover	298
Deal	208	Chichester	147
Rye	341	GUERNSEY, English	328
Tenterden	323	Guernsey, French	912
Ashford	240	Alderney, English	37
Sandhurst	570	Alderney, French	48
Maidstone	354	Jersey, English	327
Sittingbourne	207	Jersey, French	1210
Boulogne	34	DEVONPORT	872
NORWICH	822	Plymouth	833
Bungay	254	Launceston	784
North-Walsham	324	Holsworthy	547
Yarmouth	259	Kilkhampton	526
Lowestoff	344	Liskeard	600
Framlingham	237	Callington	436
Diss	475	Tavistock	510
Attleborough	296	Camelford	266
Bury St. Edmund's	186	Kingsbridge	283
Holt	40	Brixham	140
Lynn	474	Ashburton	306
Swaffham	320	REDRUTH	1325
Downham	291	Camborne	1488
Walsingham	348	Falmouth	881
Wisbeach	340	Truro	1349
Thetford	500	Gwennap	1674
Mildenhall	310	St. Agnes	1013
Ely	562	St. Austle	966
OXFORD	386	St. Mawes	261
High-Wycombe	401	Bodmin	590
Aylesbury	458	St. Columb	329
Witney	459	Penzance	1070
Banbury	546	St. Just	1471
Kineton	223	St. Ives	638
Newbury	500	Scilly Islands	99
Reading	172	Helstone	1588
Hungerford	700	Hayle	1128
Watlington	177	Marazion	560
Thame	164	EXETER	526
Brackley	467	Tiverton	248
Chipping-Norton	363	Taunton	474
Swindon	252	Bridgewater	308
Wantage	415	South-Petherton	439
PORTSMOUTH	780	Axminster	46
Gosport	140	Budleigh-Salterton	166
Salisbury	650	Bridport	272

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Barnstaple	496	Cowbridge	134
South-Moulton	268	Brecon	135
Bideford	819	Llandilo	154
Dunster	299	Carmarthen	319
Oakhampton	258	Swansea	157
Teignmouth	342	Lampeter, &c.	405
Bristol, North	910	St. David's	84
Bristol, South	543	Aberystwyth	635
Kingswood	391	Machynlleth	440
Banwell	312	Llanidloes	365
Weston-super-Mare	124	RUTHIN, &c.	572
Stroud	483	Llangollen	465
Dursley	400	Corwen	174
Downend	304	Llanrwst	228
Gloucester	420	Abergele, &c.	482
Tewkesbury	251	Holywell	689
Cheltenham	575	Mold	498
Newport	750	Llanasa	463
Cardiff	430	Beaumaris	337
Bridgend	143	Amlwch	580
Monmouth, &c.	241	Carnarvon	454
Chepstow	180	Bangor	744
Abergavenny	167	Pwllheli	315
Pontypool	787	Barmouth	406
Ledbury	285	Dolgelly	537
Hereford	322	Llanfyllin	633
BATH	510	Llanfair	277
Bradford, Wilts.	544	BIRMINGHAM, West	1503
Midsomer-Norton	1009	Birmingham, East	1088
Frome	370	West-Bromwich	656
Warminster	58	Wednesbury	1907
Melksham	477	Walsall	708
Devizes	132	Wolverhampton	1304
Shepton-Mallet	691	Dudley	1537
Castle-Carey	176	Stourbridge	500
Sherborne	541	Stourport	487
Weymouth	594	Worcester	297
Dorchester	384	Bromsgrove	157
Shaftesbury	690	Evesham	223
Glastonbury	300	Redditch	387
SWANSEA	458	Coventry	350
Merthyr-Tydvil	321	Leamington	326
Brynmawr	537	Stratford-upon-Avon	155
Brecon	210	Hinckley	570
Carmarthen	200	Shrewsbury	299
Haverford-West	553	Madeley	1037
Pembroke	408	Wellington	519
MERTHYR-TYDVIL	477	Ludlow	428
Crickhowell	450	Kington	389
Cardiff	219	MACCLESFIELD	1389

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Buxton	420	Bury	819
Congleton	862	Blackburn	600
Namptwich	550	Haslingden	714
Northwich	650	Bacup	1245
Burslem	792	Colne	532
Tunstall	856	Clitheroe	401
Newcastle-under-Lyne	604	Leigh	412
Longton	334	HALIFAX	1057
Stafford	275	Huddersfield, First	539
Leek	974	Huddersfield, Second	740
Uttoxeter	348	Holmfirth	492
Cheadle	171	Sowerby-Bridge	909
LIVERPOOL, North	946	Todmorden	1150
Liverpool, South	1556	Denby-Dale	229
Birkenhead	488	Bradford, West	1484
Liverpool, Welsh	569	Bradford, East	1443
Chester	773	Great-Horton	715
Mold, &c.	106	Keighley	1701
Carnarvon, &c.	42	Bingley	874
Holyhead	45	Shipley	326
Wrexham	370	Skipton	417
Whitchurch	476	Addingham	689
Warrington	327	Grassington	366
Runcorn	552	Settle	315
St. Helen's	460	LEEDS, First	1448
Southport	129	Leeds, Second	1665
Ormskirk	304	Leeds, Third	1216
Wigan	425	Leeds, Fourth	1133
Preston	1002	Bramley	800
Garstang	412	Wakefield	817
Lancaster	401	Birstal	1005
Newtown	530	Dewsbury	1046
MANCHESTER, First	1244	Knarborough	730
Manchester, Second	1466	Otley	782
Manchester, Third	875	Pateley-Bridge	804
Manchester, Fourth	769	Pontefract	1340
Manchester, Welsh	181	Cleckheaton	161
Manchester, Fifth	1204	Yeadon	346
Altrincham	449	Woodhouse-Grove	559
Stockport, North	792	SHEFFIELD, West	1388
Stockport, South	696	Sheffield, East	1208
New-Mills	420	Chesterfield	391
Glossop	470	Bakewell	112
Ashton-under-Lyne	1122	Bradwell	549
Oldham	774	Rotherham	491
Saddleworth	122	Wath	506
Bolton	2136	Doncaster	1288
Rochdale	873	Barnsley	534
Heywood	189	Retford	1003
Burnley	1060	Worksop	504

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
NOTTINGHAM, South	1088	Malton	900
Nottingham, North	952	Easingwold	1251
Ilkestone	244	Scarborough	1425
Mansfield	653	Pickering	864
Newark	974	Thirsk	821
Bingham	415	Ripon	887
Leicester	620	Selby	1098
Melton-Mowbray	673	WHITBY	1100
Oakham	212	Stokesley	717
Stamford	271	Darlington	708
Grantham	418	Stockton	804
Peterborough	435	Barnard-Castle	562
Loughborough	612	Bishop-Auckland	525
Castle-Donington	454	Middleham	646
Derby	960	Richmond	296
Ashbourne	122	Reeth	680
Belper	395	Bedale	762
Ripley	231	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	777
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	532	Gateshead	830
Burton-on-Trent	338	North-Shields	357
Cromford	498	Blyth, &c.	248
LINCOLN	1444	South-Shields	332
Sleaford	1025	Sunderland	724
Market-Raisen	584	Houghton-le-Spring	604
Louth	1233	Durham	979
Horncastle	1380	Wolsingham	609
Alford	1160	Hexham	346
Coningsby	322	Shotley-Bridge	650
Spilsby	708	Alston	470
Boston	1119	Allendale-Town	504
Wainfleet	566	Alnwick	86
Spalding	385	Berwick	49
Bourne	174	CARLISLE	226
HULL, West	1612	Brampton	185
Hull, East	1335	Whitehaven	225
Beverley	500	Workington	369
Driffield	721	Appleby	415
Howden	881	Penrith	800
Patrington	417	Wigton and Keswick	205
Hornsea	404	Kendal	670
Grimsby	1554	Ulverstone	230
Gainsborough	1069	Dumfries	54
Epworth	535	DOUGLAS	1185
Snaith	910	Ramsay	1375
Brigg	615	EDINBURGH	370
Barton	1064	Dunbar	30
Bridlington	1073	Greenock	72
YORK	1988	Glasgow, West	460
Tadcaster	788	Glasgow, East	195
Pocklington	925	Airdrie	319

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Stirling and Doune . . .	30	Banff	56
Ayr	83	Inverness	46
Aberdeen	333	LERWICK	601
Dundee	112	Walls	433
Perth	65	Northmavin	169
Arbroath and Montrose . .	80	North Isles	177

Total Number of Members in GREAT BRITAIN this Year . 264,168

Ditto last Year 270,965

Decrease 6,797

IN IRELAND.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
DUBLIN, South	445	Ballyshannon, &c.	484
Dublin, North	612	LONDONDEERRY	240
Kingstown	70	Strabane	470
Drogheda	215	Omagh	510
Wicklow	234	BELFAST, South	669
WATERFORD	180	Belfast, North	740
Carlow	209	Ballyclare	190
Newtownbarry	200	Donaghadee	412
Wexford	160	Carrickfergus	225
CORK	338	Coleraine	270
Queenstown	31	Magherafelt	401
Bandon	300	Lisburn	420
Skibbereen	254	Downpatrick	260
LIMERICK	256	NEWRY	233
Roscrea	136	Dungannon	350
Cloughjordan	144	Armagh	365
TULLAMORE	205	Lurgan	504
Athlone	103	Moir and Dromore	425
Maryborough	142	Tandragee	324
Longford	145	Portadown	604
SLIGO	372		
Castlebar	42		
Ballina	68		
Boyle	279		
CLONES	246		
Cootehill	359		
Cavan	353		
Monaghan, &c.	191		
Aghnacloy	218		
ENNISKILLEN	679		
Brookborough	570		
Manorhamilton	635		
Lowtherstown	828		

MISSION STATIONS.

Lucan and Trim	161
Kilkenny	180
Youghal	63
Fermoy	47
Kinsale	100
Berehaven	42
Tralee	64
Killarney	27
Ballinasloe	73
Nenagh, &c.	98
Kilrush	65

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<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society.</i>
Galway	82	Belmullet, &c.	43
Connemara	42	Donegal	440
Westport	35	Rathmelton, &c.	107
Killala	54	Ballymena	195

Total Number of Members in IRELAND this Year . . .	19,233
Ditto last Year	19,608

Decrease	375
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Emigrants	742
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The Numbers in Society at the Stations occupied by the **WESLEYAN MISSIONARIES** are as follows ;—not, however, including the Irish Missions, the French Connexion, the Missions in Western Canada, nor the Hudson's-Bay Mission, the Societies of which are reckoned, respectively, with the Numbers reported from Ireland, from France and Switzerland, and with those under the care of the Wesleyan Conference in Canada in connexion with the British Conference :—

EUROPE.

	<i>Nos.</i>		<i>Nos.</i>
WINNENDEN (Germany)	1100	Last Year	1,167
GIBRALTAR	60	Decrease	7
Total in Europe	1,160		

ASIA.

CEYLON.		<i>The Tamul, or North Ceylon District.</i>	
<i>The Singhalese, or South Ceylon District.</i>			
First Colombo	165	Jaffna, Wannerponne, and Puttoor	77
Second Colombo	213	Point-Pedro and Cattavelly	24
Negombo	92	Trincomalee	7
Seedua	131	Batticaloa, First	85
Galkisse	111	Batticaloa, Second	12
Morotto	354		
Pantura	45	CONTINENTAL INDIA.	
Caltura	110	<i>The Madras District.</i>	
Galle	111	Madras	166
Amblangodde	30	Negapatam	18
Belligam	33	Trichinopoly	27
Matura	40		
Dondra	8	<i>The Mysore District.</i>	
Goddapitiya	13	Bangalore (Canarese)	24

	Nos.		Nos.
Bangalore (Tamul) . . .	100	Total in India, Ceylon,	
Goobbee and Toomkoor . .	16	and China	2,016
Coonghul	3	Last Year	2,153
CHINA.			
<i>The Chinese Mission.</i>		Decrease	137
Canton	1		

AUSTRALASIAN AND POLYNESIAN MISSIONS.

<i>New South Wales.</i>		Longford	76
Sydney, North	344	Westbury	64
Sydney, South	361	<i>New-Zealand.</i>	
Sydney, East	138	Auckland	258
Paramatta	156	Manukau	92
Windsor	192	Kawhia	436
Bathurst and Turon . .	182	Beecham-Dale (Aotea) .	292
Hunter-River	363	Waingarua	211
Camden	106	Waipa	251
Wollongong	124	Mangungu	306
Goulburn and Araluen .	109	Waima	131
Bowenfels and Mudgee .	57	Wairoa (Kaipara) . . .	181
Moreton-Bay	68	Wellington	476
Port-Macquarie	10	Nelson	346
Gold-Fields	100	New-Plymouth	334
<i>Victoria.</i>		Waimate	285
Melbourne	296	Waitotara	132
Collingwood	206	Wanganui	50
Brighton	69	Canterbury	23
Geelong	300	Waikowaiti	289
Port-Fairy	65	<i>Friendly Islands.</i>	
Mount-Alexander	180	Tonga	2035
Ballarat	80	Habai	1850
<i>South Australia.</i>		Vavau	1946
Adelaide, North	300	Niua-Tabutabu	393
Adelaide, South	356	Niua-Fo-ou	610
Willunga	195	<i>Feejee.</i>	
Burra-Burra	60	Lakemba	2007
Kapunda	30	Viwa	250
Mount-Barker	125	Bua	250
<i>Western Australia.</i>		Nandy	200
Swan-River	60	<i>Total in the South-Sea</i>	
<i>Van-Diemen's Land.</i>		Missions	18,956
Hobart-Town	330	Last Year	19,135
New-Norfolk	39		
Campbell-Town	37	Decrease	179
Launceston	144		

AFRICA.

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

<i>The Cape District.</i>			
	Nos.		Nos.
Cape-Town	233	Lesseyton	84
Rondebosch	40	Wittebergen	90
Wynberg	65	Beecham-Wood	32
Simon's-Town	48	Clarkebury	101
Stellenbosch	130	Morley	87
Somerset (West)	259	Buntingville	90
Khamies-Berg	169	Shawbury	134
Nisbett-Bath	189	Thaba-Unchu	220
Hoole's Fountain	70	Plaatberg	202
<i>The Albany, Kaffraria, and Bechuana District.</i>		Lishuani and Umpukani	29
Graham's-Town	386	Imparani	50
Salem and Farmerfield	182	Colesberg and Bloem-Fontein	60
Bathurst	90	<i>The Port-Natal and Amazulu District.</i>	
Fort-Beaufort	264	D'Urban	160
Port-Elizabeth, &c.	51	Pietermaritzberg	140
Cradock	87	Kwangubeni	22
Somerset,	90	Indaleni	35
Burgher's Dorp	10	Palmerton	95
Fort-Peddie and Newton-Dale	204	Total in Southern Africa	
Mount-Coke	65	Last Year	
King William's Town, &c.	58	Increase	
Kama's Mission	36		
Kamastone	69		

WESTERN AFRICA.

<i>The Sierra-Leone District.</i>			
Free-Town, Aberdeen, and Wilberforce	4426	Anamabu	262
Hastings and Wellington	1369	Domonasi	164
York	604	British Akrah	76
<i>The Gambia District.</i>		Kumasi	
St. Mary's }	560	Lagos, Badagry, and Abeokuta	127
Barra }		Total in Western Africa	
M'Carthy's Island	220	Last Year	
<i>The Gold-Coast and Ashanti District.</i>		Increase	
Cape-Coast Town	495		

AMERICA.

WEST INDIES.

<i>The Antigua District.</i>			
Antigua	2426	Montserrat	365
Dominica	965	Nevis	1593
		St. Christopher's	3748

	Nos.
St. Eustatius	277
St. Bartholomew's	91
St. Martin's	341
Anguilla	309
Tortola	1381

Total in the Antigua District	11,496
Last Year	11,803

Decrease	307
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The St. Vincent and Demerara District.

Kingstown	2337
Biabou	2357
Grenada	665
Trinidad	771
Tobago	1076
George-Town	1343
Mahaica	507
Victoria	462
Barbadoes	3709

Total in the St. Vincent and Demerara District	13,227
Last Year	12,988

Increase	239
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The Jamaica District.

Kingston	3061
Montego-Bay, &c.	809
Spanish-Town	782
Morant-Bay	1906
Guy's-Hill, &c.	978
Grateful-Hill	480
Falmouth	481
St. Ann's Bay	616
Ocho-Rios	708
Beechamville	1127
Bath and Manchioneal	2223
Port-Antonio	420

	Nos.
Clarendon	1094
Mount-Ward, &c.	1414
Brown's-Town	607
Duncan's	653
Mount-Fletcher	580
Linstead	443
Belize and Charibb-Town	442
Ruatan	345

Total in the Jamaica District (including the Honduras-Bay Mission)	19,169
Last Year	20,124

Decrease	955
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The Bahama District.

New-Providence	894
Eleuthera, First	547
Eleuthera, Second	344
Harbour-Island	620
Abaco	312
Andros-Island	20
Turk's Islands	378
Port-au-Plaat	185

Total in the Bahama District	3,300
Last Year	2,800

Increase	500
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The Hayti District.

Port-au-Prince	160
Jérémie	25
Cape-Haitien	45
Cayes	11

Total in the Hayti District	241
Last Year	429

Decrease	188
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THE BRITISH DOMINIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

The Nova-Scotia Western District.

Halifax	360
Dartmouth	69
Margaret's-Bay	90

Lunenburg	329
Liverpool	300
Shelburne	193
Barrington	300

	Nos.
Yarmouth	127
Horton	363
Windsor	110
Newport	335
Maitland	221
Bermuda	368

Total in the Nova-Scotia

Western District . . 3,165

Last Year 3,215

Decrease 50

The Nova-Scotia East, and Prince Edward's Island, District.

Charlotte-Town	572
Pownal	122
Bedeque	210
Truro	180
Amherst	205
Parrsborough	183
Wallace	400
River-Philip	248
Guysborough	332
Sydney	113

Total in the Nova-Scotia

East, and Prince Edward's Island, District 2,565

Last Year 2,564

Increase 1

The New-Brunswick District.

St. John, South	880
St. John, North	87
St. John, West	199
Fredericton	300
Nashwaak	25
Sheffield	87
Mill-Town	103
St. Stephen's, &c.	171

	Nos.
St. Andrew's	52
Sackville	176
Point-de-Bute	220
Petitcodiac	240
Hopewell	220
Sussex-Vale	224
Woodstock and Andover	352
Annapolis	114
Bridgetown	160
Aylesford	175
Digby	96
Miramichi	111
Richibucto	87
Bathurst and Dalhousie	143

Total in the New-Brunswick District . . 4,222

Last Year 3,973

Increase 249

The Newfoundland District.

St. John's	220
Harbour-Grace	66
Carbonear	480
Blackhead	280
Island-Cove	68
Perlican	152
Port-de-Grave	66
Brigus	127
Bonavista	150
Burin	153
Green-Bay	230
Grand-Bank	172
Hant's-Harbour	110

Total in the Newfoundland District . . 2,274

Last Year 2,413

Decrease 139

Recapitulation of Members in the Foreign Missions.

In Germany and Gibraltar	*1,160
In Continental India, Ceylon, and China	2,016
In Australia, Van-Diemen's Land, New-Zealand, Friendly Islands, and Feejee	18,956

* The number of Members in France (1098) is no longer included in this return, but is given in the General Recapitulation, p. 449.

	<i>Nos.</i>
In Africa (Southern, 4,426; Western, 8,303)	12,729
In the West Indies	47,433
In British North America (exclusive of Missions in Western and Eastern Canada, and the Hudson's Bay Territories) .*	12,226

Total number of Members under the care of the Missionaries this Year	94,520
Last Year	100,828

<i>Apparent</i> Decrease, in consequence of the transfer of the Number of Members at the Missions in Canada and the Hudson's-Bay Territories to the Return of Members in connexion with the Canadian Conference	6,308
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On trial for Church-Membership, as far as ascertained	4,694
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GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Number of Members in Great Britain - - - - -	264,168
Ditto in Ireland - - - - -	19,233
Ditto in our Foreign Stations, exclusive of the Members of the Irish Missions, the Indian and Domestic Missions in Upper Canada, the Missions in France and in Eastern Canada, and the Hudson's-Bay Territories, all of which are included in the Report of the Wesleyan Missionary Society - - - - -	94,520

Total number of Members under the care of the British and Irish Conferences - - - - -	377,921
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N.B. The number of regular Ministers, and Preachers on Trial, and those who are Supernumerary and Superannuated, is as follows; viz.,—

In Great Britain,

Ministers - - - - -	925
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated - - - - -	195
Preachers on Trial - - - - -	66
	1,186

In Ireland,

Ministers - - - - -	84
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated - - - - -	28
Preachers on Trial . - - - -	21

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	Nos.
Missionaries; viz.,—	
Ministers - - - - -	23
Ditto Supernumerary - - - - -	4
	<hr/> 160
<i>In our Foreign Stations,</i>	
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	<hr/> 264
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A. Our **PRESIDENT**, the **REV. JOHN FARRAR**.

N.B. The **Ex-President**, the **REV. JOHN LOMAS**, and the **REV. JOHN SCOTT**, are appointed to accompany the President to the next Irish Conference.

The following appointments are also made, viz.,—

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4. Two of the English Ministers stationed in Wales shall attend the District-Meetings of the Welsh Ministers; and two of the Welsh Ministers shall attend the District-Meeting of the English Ministers in South-Wales.

5. The REV. ENOCH WOOD is appointed President of the next Conference in Canada; and the REV. JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate,—or, should he be absent during the year, on his important Mission to the Hudson's-Bay Territories, the REV. ANSON GREEN, D.D.

6. The REV. CHARLES COOK, D.D., is re-appointed the President of the French Conference.

7. The REV. WILLIAM BINNINGTON BOYCE is appointed the first President of the Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Conference.

Q. X. Who are the COMMITTEE FOR GUARDING OUR PRIVILEGES during the ensuing year?

A. The PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the CONFERENCE; all the Ministers appointed to the eight London Circuits; the Superintendents of the Deptford, Hammersmith, and Woolwich Circuits; all those Ministers now living who have filled the office of PRESIDENT of the CONFERENCE;—the REV. THOMAS WAUGH, the REV. ROBERT MASARON, the REV. DANIEL M'AFEE, and the REV. ROBINSON SCOTT, the Representatives of the Irish Conference;—together with the following Gentlemen:—

George Bowes, Esq., *London*,
 John J. Buttress, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Chubb, Esq., *ditto*,
 Thomas Farmer, Esq., *ditto*,
 Walter Griffith, Esq., *ditto*,
 James Hoby, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Kirsop, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Lidgett, Esq., *ditto*,
 William W. Pocock, Esq., *ditto*,
 Richard Marsden Reece, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Vanner, Esq., *ditto*,
 Greaves Walker, Esq., *ditto*,
 Benjamin Agar, Esq., *York*,
 William J. Beet, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 T. Percival Bunting, Esq., *Manchester*,
 John Burton, Esq., *Middleton*,
 John Daniel Burton, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Burton, Esq., *Roundhay, Leeds*,
 Joseph Carne, Esq., *F.R.S., Penzance*,
 William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
 Charles Cooper, Esq., *Manchester*,
 William Dyson, Esq., *Howden*,
 Robert Fawcitt, Esq., *Scarborough*,

John Fernley, Esq., *Manchester*,
 Robert Hardey, Esq., *Hull*,
 John Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,
 George Heald, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 James Heald, Esq., *Didsbury*,
 Francis Heeley, Esq., *Birmingham*,
 William B. Holdsworth, Esq., *Leeds*,
 John Irving, Esq., *Bristol*,
 John R. Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 James Meek, Esq., *York*,
 Robert Middleton, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
 George Morley, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Thomas Potter, Esq., *Manchester*,
 Thomas Sands, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 Humphry Sandwith, Esq., *M.D., Hull*,
 William Skinner, Esq., *Stockton*,
 George Smith, Esq., *F.S.A., Cambridge*,
 Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 John F. Sutcliffe, Esq., *Willow-Hall*,
 Thomas Walker, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
 William Walker, Esq., *Bradford*,
 Peter Wood, Esq., *M.D., Southport*.

N.B. 1. The thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to the Committee of Privileges, for their able and

diligent attention to the important matters confided to their care during the last year.

2. A Committee is hereby specially appointed for cases of exigency demanding immediate attention, or requiring prompt communication with the Government or with Parliament on subjects affecting our public interests; to consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Secretaries of the Committee of Privileges, the General Secretaries of our Missions, the Secretary of the Education Committee, the

Rev. Dr. Bunting,
— John Hall,
— John Mason,
— John Scott,
— William L. Thornton, A.M.,
— Samuel D. Waddy,
— Thomas Waugh;

T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
James Heald, Esq.,
James Hoby, Esq.,
John R. Kay, Esq.,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.

3. The Conference presents its thanks to the members of "the Committee appointed to afford advice and assistance in cases involving any attempt to invade the property belonging to the Connexion," for the very valuable services it has rendered to the Body during the past year; and expresses its approval of the general course it has pursued, and of the pecuniary arrangements it has found it necessary to adopt, with a view to the effective carrying out of its measures.

4. The following persons are appointed the Committee for the year ensuing; viz., the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Secretaries of the Committee of Privileges; the

Rev. Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— John Hall,
— Elijah Hoole,
— Samuel Jackson,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Peter M'Owan,
— John Mason,
— William Naylor,
— George Osborn,
— John Rattenbury,
— John Scott,
— Francis A. West;

T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
John Chubb, Esq.,
Charles Cooper, Esq.,
John Corderoy, Esq.,
William Corderoy, Esq.,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
James Heald, Esq.,
James Hunter, Esq.,
John Lidgett, Esq.,
William Pearce, Esq.,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.

5. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the Secretaries of the Committee of Privileges for their assiduous services during the past year.

6. The REV. CHARLES PREST and FREDERICK J. JOBSON are appointed the Secretaries of the three preceding Committees for the ensuing year. All Communications to be addressed to the REV. CHARLES PREST, 72, *Virginia-Terrace, Dover-Road, London.*

MISSIONS.

Q. XI. What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to our MISSIONS?

A. 1. The Conference cordially adopts the Resolutions of the Missionary Committee of Review, held July 25th, 1854, and directs that they be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix, No. I.)

2. THOMAS FARMER, Esq., and the REV. JOHN SCOTT are requested to accept the office of General Treasurers of the Wesleyan Missionary Society; and the REV. ELIJAH HOOLE is appointed the Deputy-Treasurer.

3. The following persons are appointed the General Committee of Management for the ensuing year;—viz., the PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the CONFERENCE; the GENERAL TREASURERS; the Treasurer of the London District Auxiliary Society, JOHN J. BUTTRESS, Esq.; Sixteen of the Ministers appointed to the London Circuits, viz.,—

Rev. William Arthur, A.M.,
— Alfred Barrett,
— Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— John Hall,
— Elijah Hoole,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Frederick J. Jobson,

Rev. Joseph Lawton,
— George B. Macdonald,
— John Mason,
— George Osborn,
— Charles Prest,
— John Smith, 2d,
— William L. Thornton, A.M.,
— Robert Young;—

The sixteen following Gentlemen of *London*, viz.,—

Mr. James Duncan,
Christopher Gabriel, Esq.,
Walter Griffith, Esq.,
P. Brames Hall, Esq.,
Francis S. Herbert, Esq.,
John Hunter, Esq.,
Mr. Thomas Knight,
Williamson Lamplough, Esq.,

John Lidgett, Esq.,
James Nash, Esq.,
William Pearce, Esq.,
Joseph Shaw, Esq.,
Peter Tindall, jun., Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.,
Mr. William W. Williams;—

And, *for the Country*,—

Rev. Jonathan Crowther,
— Henry Davies,
— John P. Haswell,
— John Lomas,
— James Methley,
— William Naylor,
— John Rattenbury,
— Samuel D. Waddy;

J. S. Budgett, Esq., *Bristol*,
John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
Joseph Carne, Esq., *Penzance*,
William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
John Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,
James Heald, Esq., *Didsbury*,
Samuel R. Healey, Esq., *Liverpool*,
Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*.

WALTER GRIFFITH, JOHN M. CAMPLIN, JAMES HUNTER, and FREDERICK INGOLDBY, Esqs., of London, are requested to act as a Medical Sub-Committee.

4. The following Gentlemen are appointed a Sub-Committee, to meet prior to the next Conference, and to report on the affairs of the Polynesian Missionary Ship :—

Thomas Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
John Irving, Esq., *Bristol*,
John Lidgett, Esq., *London*,
Mr. Matthews, *Pennance*,
Thomas Sands, Esq., *Liverpool*,

Thomas Speeding, Esq., *Monkwear-*
mouth,
George Tindall, Esq., *London*,
Peter Tindall, jun., Esq., *ditto*,—

with power to add to their number.

5. The following Ministers and other Friends are particularly invited to attend a Special Meeting of the General Missionary Committee, which will be held in Leeds, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, July 24th, 1855, according to the Seventeenth Article of the "Laws and Regulations of the Wesleyan Missionary Society;" viz.,—the

Rev. William Barton,
— John Bowers,
— Joseph Cusworth,
— William M. Harvard, M.A.,
— Isaac Keeling,
— Thomas H. Squance,
— William W. Stamp,
— Samuel Tindall,
— Francis A. West;

Benjamin Agar, Esq., *York*,
Joshua Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
G. R. Chappell, Esq., *Manchester*,
Thomas Holmes, Esq., *Hull*,
W. B. Holdsworth, Esq., *Leeds*,
George Morley, Esq., *Leeds*,
John Nussey, Esq., *Birstal*,
Joseph Richardson, Esq., *Leeds*,
Dr. Wood, *Southport*.

N.B. The Missionary Committee is empowered to invite to this Meeting such persons, being Treasurers and Secretaries of the different Auxiliary and Branch Societies, and also such other leading friends of the Wesleyan Missions, as are disposed to take an active part in the support and extension of our Missionary Society.

Q. XII. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting the MISSIONS IN AUSTRALASIA, EASTERN CANADA, AND THE HUDSON'S-BAY COMPANY'S TERRITORIES?

A. 1. The arrangements respecting the Missions in Australasia, and the plan on which the affiliated French Conference was formed, modified as to some of its details, for the purpose of adapting it more fully to the local circumstances of the work in Australasia, having undergone careful consideration, the Conference, while recognising anew the principle that Foreign Missions, when they have attained sufficient maturity, ought to be placed in a position in which they will be able to discharge the common obligation resting upon all the churches of Christ to provide for their own support and perpetuation,—rejoices to learn that our people in Australia, entering fully into these views, express a readiness to undertake the support of their own Ministry, and to afford immediate assistance, to a considerable extent, to the Missions in New-Zealand, the Friendly Islands, and Feejee; at the same

time taking upon themselves the obligation of ultimately providing for the entire maintenance of the work at these important Missions. The Conference is further of opinion, that the proposed plan contains the best guarantees that can be devised—and, as it is believed, sufficient guarantees—for the preservation of the purity of our evangelical system of doctrine and discipline; and that the measure, regarded as a whole, is eminently calculated instrumentally to promote the advancement of the work of God in the extensive regions to which it is intended to apply; and accordingly hereby adopts the plan, and constitutes the Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands, and Feejee a distinct Connexion, to be denominated, "The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion," with an Annual Conference of its own, having the same kind of relation to the parent English Conference as is sustained, in reference thereto, by the affiliated Methodist Conferences in France and Canada.

2. The REV. WILLIAM BINNINGTON BOYCE is hereby appointed the first President of the Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Conference.

3. It having been reported to the Conference that the preliminary measures for connecting the Mission Stations in Eastern Canada with the Canadian Conference, on the plan according to which the Indian and Domestic Missions in Western Canada were attached to that Body, are satisfactorily completed,—the Conference, in the earnest hope that this arrangement, by the blessing of Almighty God, will eminently promote the cause of Christ in that extensive and rising country, now confirms the union, and resolves that the Eastern Canada Mission-District, as well as the Hudson's-Bay Mission, shall be henceforth regarded as Districts of the affiliated Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada.

MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS, 1854-55.

Districts.

<i>Bedford and Northampton,</i>	}	Robert Newstead, William Jackson, 2d.
<i>Kent,</i>		John Hall, Thomas Akroyd.
<i>Norwich & Lynn,</i>	}	Richard Haddy, Joseph Hargreaves;
<i>Oxford,</i>		James Osborn, William Davison.
<i>Portsmouth,</i>		Robert S. Hardy, John Martin.
<i>Channel Islands,</i>		John Smith, 2d, George Blanchflower.
<i>Devonport,</i>		John Bedford, Mission-House.
<i>Cornwall, (West,)</i>		Henry Daniel, Edward Brice.
<i>Cornwall, (East,)</i>		Robert Young, Luke H. Wiseman.
<i>Exeter,</i>		Samuel W. Christophers, John H. James.
<i>Bristol,</i>		Matthew T. Male, Richard Roberts.
		Alfred Barrett, William M. Punshon.

Districts.

<i>Bath,</i>	John Gostick, James M. Cranswick.
<i>First South Wales,</i>	William Davenport, John Spenser Jones.
<i>Birmingham and</i>	} Francis A. West, George T. Perks ;
<i>Shrewsbury,</i>	
<i>Macclesfield,</i>	William Smith, 1st, John H. Beech.
<i>Liverpool,</i>	Joseph Stinson, Thomas James.
<i>Manchester and</i>	} Peter M'Owan, Thomas M'Cullagh.
<i>Bolton,</i>	
<i>Halifax and</i>	} Dr. Dixon, Daniel West, Thomas Llewellyn ;
<i>Bradford,</i>	
	Thomas H. Squance, John Parkes.
<i>Leeds,</i>	} Thomas Pennington, Robert Inglis.
<i>Sheffield,</i>	} Dr. Hannah, William L. Thornton, A.M.,
<i>Nottingham and</i>	
<i>Derby,</i>	Frederick J. Jobson, Samuel Coley.
<i>Lincoln,</i>	George B. Macdonald, David Hay.
<i>Hull,</i>	} William Illingworth, John Ryan, 1st ;
<i>York,</i>	
<i>Whitby,</i>	Charles Haydon, Gervase Smith.
<i>Newcastle-upon-</i>	} Edward Nye, Benjamin Field.
<i>Tyne,</i>	
<i>Carlisle,</i>	Luke H. Tyerman, Edward J. Robinson.
<i>Ireland, (North,)</i>	John Rattenbury, Marmaduke C. Osborn.
<i>Ireland, (South,)</i>	George Roebuck, Theophilus Woolmer.
<i>Ireland, (West,)</i>	} William Barton, Benjamin Gregory, Thomas
<i>Scotland,</i>	
	Capp, Edward Lightwood.
	Richard Ray, J. Gilchrist Wilson.
	William H. Rule, Henry H. Chettle.
	Charles Prest, George Scott, 1st.
	Thomas Vasey.
	} The President of the Conference, Francis A.
	West, William Arthur, A.M.

SCHOOLS.

Q. XIII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the affairs of our SCHOOLS ?

A. 1. The Conference adopts the Resolutions passed at the Meeting of the General Committee, held July 10th, and directs that they be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix, No. II.)

2. It being ascertained that, notwithstanding an additional Contribution of One Guinea from each Minister, and an increase of about £300 in the Collections and Subscriptions in the Circuits, the balance against the Schools'-Fund now amounts to £1,500 above the Grant made by the Committee of the Relief and Extension Fund, the Conference—with a strong conviction of the necessity of preventing such accumulation of debt, and after carefully considering the whole subject, and several plans of relief—determines that, for the present, in consideration of the important efforts now making in the Connexion, the additional debt incurred be divided among the Ministers of the Body, who are made responsible for obtaining or contributing their due proportion

during the year, in addition to their ordinary subscriptions; and the Conference confidently expects that this reiterated endeavour of the Ministers to prevent an increase of debt will be effectually supplemented by the liberal co-operation of all classes of our people.

N.B. Such permanent arrangement as may be found necessary for the purpose of increasing the annual income, so as to prevent deficiency in future, is referred to the Special Finance Committee, which is to meet in the ensuing year.

3. JOHN IRVING, Esq., and the REV. CHARLES PREST are re-appointed the General Treasurers, and the REV. PETER M'OWAN and the REV. BENJAMIN B. WADDY are re-appointed the General Secretaries, for the ensuing year.

4. The following persons are appointed as the General Committee for the ensuing year:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the General Treasurers and the Secretaries of the School-Fund,—

Rev. William Allen, 1st,
— Dr. Beecham,
— John Bowers,
— Dr. Bunting,
— William Burt,
— Jonathan Crowther,
— Dr. Dixon,
— Peter Duncan,
— Thomas Jackson,
— John H. James,
— Frederick J. Jobson,
— John Kirk, 1st,
— John Mason,
— James Methley,
— William Naylor,
— George Osborn,
— John Rigg,
— John Scott,
— William W. Stamp,
— Samuel D. Waddy,
— Francis A. West;

James Heald, Esq., *Stockport*,
T. P. Bunting, Esq., *Manchester*,
G. R. Chappell, Esq., *ditto*,
John Fernley, Esq., *ditto*,
J. Vanner, Esq., *London*,
J. Lidgett, Esq., *ditto*,
Benjamin Agar, Esq., *York*,
James Meek, Esq., *ditto*,
James Chadwick, Esq., *ditto*,
Luke Thompson, Esq., *ditto*,
W. Walker, Esq., *Bradford*,
W. J. Beet, Esq., *Sheffield*,
Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *ditto*,
J. Lofthouse, Esq., *ditto*,
J. Crabtree, Esq., *Shipley*,
R. Hardey, Esq., *Hull*,
H. Sandwith, Esq., M.D., *Hull*,
H. Fowler, Esq., *Scarborough*,
F. Heeley, Esq., *Birmingham*,
R. F. Sturges, Esq., *ditto*,
Joshua Burton, Esq., *Leeds*;—

and all the members of the Local Committees who may attend the next Conference.

5. The following are the Local Committees for the ensuing year:—

NEW KINGSWOOD SCHOOL.—

Rev. Robert Newstead, *Chairman*,
— Joseph Cusworth, *Local Treasurer*,
— William Davenport, *Secretary*,
— Edward Brice,
— Samuel Broadbent,
— Joseph Chapman,
— Henry Davies,
— William Elton,

Rev. John Harvard,
— J. Spencer Jones,
— John F. Moody,
— Paul Orchard,
— Richard Roberts,
— William Smith, 1st,
— Ebenezer Tovey,
— John Vane;

Mr. Avery, *Bristol*,
 James S. Budgett, Esq., *ditto*,
 Thomas Exley, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Irving, Esq., *ditto*,
 Francis Riggall, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Ayre, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Thomas Harris, *ditto*,
 Mr. Gilbert, *ditto*,
 Mr. Price, *ditto*,

Mr. John Collins, *Bath*,
 Mr. W. Batchelor, *ditto*,
 Mr. James Taylor, *ditto*,
 W. B. Lidiard, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Mowat, *ditto*,
 Mr. Phipps, *ditto*,
 W. H. Walmsley, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Kerslake, *ditto*.

WOODHOUSE-GROVE SCHOOL.—

Rev. Isaac Keeling, *Chairman*,
 — William Lord, *Local Treasurer*,
 — Thomas Vasey, *Secretary*,
 — William Barton,
 — Jonathan J. Bates,
 — James Carr,
 — Isaac Denison,
 — Richard Felvus,
 — Benjamin Firth,
 — Robert S. Hardy,
 — David Hay,
 — John Imlison,
 — James Loutit,
 — John M'Owan,
 — John Rattenbury,
 — John Ryan, 1st,
 — Samuel Simpson,
 — John Stephenson,
 — Joseph Stinson,
 — Samuel Timms,
 — Samuel Tindall,
 — Benjamin B. Waddy,
 — William Willan,
 — Theophilus Woolmer;

John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
 William Smith, Esq., *ditto*,
 Charles Bousfield, Esq., *ditto*,
 George Morley, Esq., *ditto*,
 Joseph Richardson, Esq., *ditto*,
 Joseph Thackray, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Benjamin Pollard, *ditto*,
 W. B. Holdsworth, Esq., *ditto*,
 Lodge Calvert, Esq., *Bradford*,
 W. Cheeseborough, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Thomas Haigh, *ditto*,
 William Peel, Esq., *ditto*,
 T. Farmer, Esq., *Arthington-Hall*,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 John Nussey, Esq., *Birstal*,
 W. Pawson, Esq., *Farnley*,
 T. Blenkhorne, Esq., *Huddersfield*,
 W. Keightley, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Yewdall, Esq., *Rawdon*,
 Mr. Jonas Sugden, *Keighley*,
 W. Moxon, Esq., *Pontefract*,
 J. F. Sutcliffe, Esq., *Willow-Hall*,
 Mr. W. Hatton, *Halifax*,
 Mr. Francis Roper, *ditto*.

N.B. The REV. JONATHAN CROWTHER is re-appointed Classical and Mathematical Examiner to both the Schools.

BOOK AFFAIRS.

Q. XIV. What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to the affairs of the BOOK-ROOM?

A. 1. The REV. JOHN KIRK, 2d, is appointed Secretary of the Book-Committee for the ensuing year. Letters should be addressed to him, at No. 24, *City-Road, London*.

2. The REV. WILLIAM B. POPE is appointed Secretary of the Methodist Tract-Committee. Communications for this department should be addressed to him, at No. 14, *City-Road, London*.

3. The General Book-Committee shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, and the members of the London Book-Committee who may attend the Conference; with the

Rev. Dr. Andrews,
 — William Barton,
 — John Bowers,

Rev. William Burt,
 — Henry H. Chettle,
 — Jonathan Crowther,

Rev. Joseph Cusworth,
 — Henry Davies,
 — Dr. Dixon,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Joseph Hargreaves,
 — William M. Harvard, A.M.,
 — John P. Haswell,
 — Israel Holgate,
 — George Jackson,
 — Thomas Jones, 2d,
 — Isaac Keeling,
 — William Lord,
 — Robert M. MacBrair, A.M.,
 — George Marsden,
 — James Methley,
 — Peter M'Owan,
 — William Naylor,

Rev. Robert Newstead,
 — Edward Nye,
 — John Rigg,
 — George Scott, 1st,
 — William Smith, 1st,
 — William W. Stamp,—
 — William B. Stephenson,
 — George Taylor,
 — Samuel Tindall,
 — George Turner, 1st,
 — Thomas Vasey,
 — Samuel D. Waddy,
 — Edward Walker,
 — Francis A. West,
 — Daniel West,
 — J. Gilchrist Wilson ;—

and the Representatives of the Irish Conference.

4. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the Editors and Book-Steward, to the Secretary of the Book-Committee, to the Secretary of the Tract-Committee, and to the London Book-Committee, for their diligent, faithful, and able services, in the direction and management of the affairs of the Book-Room during the past year.

CHAPEL AFFAIRS.

Q. XV. What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to CHAPEL AFFAIRS?

A. 1. The Conference adopts the Report of the United Committees on Chapel Affairs, and directs that an Abstract of it be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix, No. III.)

2. The cordial thanks of the Conference are especially presented to JOHN BURTON, Esq., of Manchester, the Treasurer, and to the REV. FRANCIS A. WEST, the Secretary of the General Chapel-Fund and of the Chapel-Relief Fund, for the eminent services which for many years they have rendered in those important departments of our economy; services which the Conference desires to recognise in the most emphatic and grateful manner. The thanks of the Conference are also presented to the REV. JOSEPH HARGREAVES, as one of the Treasurers of the General Chapel-Fund, to JOHN D. BURTON, Esq., as one of the Secretaries of the Chapel-Relief Fund, and to the Members of the Committee, for their diligent and faithful services.

3. JOHN FERNLEY, and JOHN D. BURTON, Esqs., of Manchester, are requested to accept the office of Treasurers of the Wesleyan Chapel-Fund for the ensuing year.

4. The Conference, having taken into consideration the recommendation of the Committee of the Connexional Relief and Extension Fund, as to the setting apart one of the Ministers as Secretary to the General Chapel-Committee, hereby appoints the

REV. WILLIAM KELK to that office for the next year. The REV. GEORGE T. PERKS is appointed Co-Secretary.

5. The Committee for the ensuing year shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference; the Ex-President, the Treasurers and the Secretaries of the Wesleyan Chapel-Fund; JAMES HEALD, Esq., one of the Treasurers of the Relief and Extension Fund; and the under-mentioned Ministers and Gentlemen :—

Rev. Dr. Bunting,
 — Dr. Beecham,
 — John Bowers,
 — John Bedford,
 — William Burt,
 — James D. Brocklehurst,
 — Henry H. Chettle,
 — Samuel W. Christophers,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Isaac Denison,
 — Charles Haydon,
 — Frederick J. Jobson,
 — Joseph Hargreaves,
 — Isaac Keeling,
 — Robert Leake,
 — John Lomas,
 — George Marsden,
 — Charles Prest,
 — John Rattenbury,
 — John Scott,
 — Thomas H. Squance,
 — George Taylor,
 — John Vine,
 — Samuel D. Waddy,
 — Francis A. West;

John Burton, Esq., *Middleton*,
 John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
 T. P. Bunting, Esq., *Manchester*,
 William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
 George R. Chappell, Esq., *Manchester*,
 Charles Cooper, Esq., *Manchester*,
 Edward Corderoy, Esq., *London*,
 Thomas Farmer, Esq., *ditto*,
 Samuel R. Healey, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 W. B. Holdsworth, Esq., *Leeds*,
 John R. Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
 George Knowles, Esq., *Bolton*,
 D. S. Leather, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 John Lomas, Esq., *Manchester*,
 George Marsden, Esq., *ditto*,
 John Napier, Esq., *ditto*,
 Francis Riggall, Esq., *Bristol*,
 Charles Simpson, Esq., *Chester*,
 Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 George Smith, Esq., *Leeds*,
 R. F. Sturges, Esq., *Birmingham*,
 John Vanner, Esq., *London*,
 Thomas Wade, Esq., *Selby*,
 Thomas Walker, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
 Peter Wood, Esq., M.D., *Southport*.

6. The Committee of Distribution of the CHAPEL-FUND shall meet in Leeds, on the Thursday previous to the next Conference; and, in addition to the Committee above-named, shall consist of the

Rev. William Barton,
 — Corbett Cooke,
 — Jonathan Crowther,
 — Henry Davies,
 — John P. Haswell,
 — William Lord,
 — Peter M'Owan,
 — James Methley,

Rev. William Naylor,
 — George Osborn,
 — William W. Stamp,
 — Joseph Stinson,
 — Samuel Tindall,
 — Thomas Vasey,
 — Edward Walker;—

and *fifteen* Lay-Trustees, to be chosen as follows by the June Quarterly Meetings; viz., one from each of the four Leeds Circuits, First London, York, Bradford West, Bradford East, Hull West, Lincoln, Sheffield West, Derby, Nottingham South, Wakefield, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

N.B. (1.) The General Chapel Committee usually meets, during the year, on the first Wednesday of each month.

(2.) All applications in reference to Chapel affairs, whether for Loans, Annual or Final Grants, erections, enlargements, alterations, purchases or sales of Wesleyan Trust-property, including Organs, must be made to the Secretary, the REV. WILLIAM KELK, *Manchester*, on the authorized Schedules; which may be obtained from MR. MASON.

(3.) It is particularly requested that parties desirous of applying to the Committee, will carefully consider the new regulations adopted by the Conference, and contained in Appendix No. IV., as well as the *cautionary regulations* contained in the Minutes, Vol. XI., pp. 652—655.

7. The thanks of the Conference are presented to MR. JENNINGS and Friends, of *Staines, near Windsor*; to MR. BROGDEN, of *Sale, near Manchester*; to MR. EXLEY, of *Bristol*; and to MR. W. C. WEBB, of *Newport, Monmouthshire*, for the presentation of Chapels to the Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion; and also to MR. TOMBLESON, of *Barton-on-Humber*, for his generous donation of the sum of £1,000 to the Trustees of Barton Chapel.

8. The Conference directs special attention to the following Standing Order:—"That no Superintendent shall allow or sanction the opening of a new Chapel in his Circuit, or re-opening of one that has been enlarged, until the Building Committee have officially certified that the conditions on which such erection or enlargement was sanctioned have been fulfilled; or that they are satisfied that such arrangements have been entered into by the Trustees, as afford a reasonable probability of securing the Trust from pecuniary embarrassment."

CONNEXIONAL RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND.

Q. XVI. What are the Resolutions of the Conference with respect to the Report of the COMMITTEE OF THE CONNEXIONAL RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND?

A. 1. The Conference adopts that Report, and directs that it be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix, No. IV.)

2. The Conference, considering the magnitude and importance of the objects designed to be secured by this Fund, receives, with special thankfulness to God, and with cordial acknowledgments to its friends throughout the Connexion, the information contained in that Report, that so large a portion of the proposed amount of £100,000 has been promised, and, in great part, received. And, further, considering also the extent to which the Chapel-Trusts of our Connexion are likely to be relieved and benefited, by the application of that moiety of the Fund which is proposed to be reserved for Chapel purposes, the Conference acknowledges the justice of the appeal which the Committee has recommended to be made to the Trustees of Chapels generally, in their collective capacity, for

their assistance towards the completion of the pecuniary portion of the project; and cherishes an earnest hope that the response thereto will be given with a promptitude and liberality worthy of the occasion.

CHILDREN'S FUND.

Q. XVII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the CHILDREN'S FUND?

A. 1. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the District-Treasurers of the Children's Fund throughout the kingdom, for their kind services during the year; and also to JOHN LOFTHOUSE, Esq., and the REV. SAMUEL D. WADDY, the General Treasurers, and to the REV. GEORGE B. MACDONALD, the General Secretary, of the Fund.

2. JOHN LOFTHOUSE, Esq., and the REV. SAMUEL D. WADDY, are requested to accept the office of General Treasurers, and the REV. GEORGE B. MACDONALD, is re-appointed the General Secretary, for the ensuing year.

3. Balances due from District-Treasurers should be remitted to the REV. SAMUEL D. WADDY, *Wesley College, Sheffield*. Letters on business relating to this Fund, and the Schedules from the Districts, should be sent to the REV. GEORGE B. MACDONALD, 33, *Walpole-Street, Chelsea*.

4. In conformity with the standing Rule, which makes provision towards the support of the children of our Ministers, from a certain rate of contribution in proportion to the exact numbers in Society, it is agreed that, for the *ensuing year*, *One Hundred* members shall provide the allowance for *one* child. On this principle, the following statement has been drawn up, determining the number of Children's Allowances to be provided by the several Districts in the year 1854-5, and to be allotted, at the September District-Meetings, to the Circuits, according to Rule:—

Districts.	No. of Members.	No. of Children.
1 London	17,514	175
2 Bedford and Northampton	9,592	96
3 Kent	5,468	55
4 Norwich and Lynn	5,882	59
5 Oxford	5,683	57
6 Portsmouth	3,989	40
7 Channel Islands	2,862	29
8 Devonport	6,153	62
9 Cornwall	16,430	164
10 Exeter	4,961	50
11 Bristol	8,018	80
12 Bath	6,476	65
13 First South Wales	2,687	27

Districts.	No. of Members.	No. of Children.
14 Second South Wales	3,978	40
15 North Wales	7,854	79
16 Birmingham and Shrewsbury.....	14,827	148
17 Macclesfield	8,225	82
18 Liverpool	10,013	100
19 Manchester and Bolton	19,565	196
20 Halifax and Bradford.....	13,446	134
21 Leeds	13,852	139
22 Sheffield	7,974	80
23 Nottingham and Derby	11,047	110
24 Lincoln	10,100	101
25 Hull	12,690	127
26 York	10,947	109
27 Whitby and Darlington.....	6,800	68
28 Newcastle-upon-Tyne	7,565	76
29 Carlisle	3,379	34
30 Isle of Man	2,560	26
31 Edinburgh and Aberdeen	2,251	23
32 Shetland Isles	1,380	14

CONTINGENT FUND.

Q. XVIII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to the CONTINGENT FUND ?

A. 1. The Conference receives and adopts the Report of the Committee, and directs that it be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix, No. V.)

2. The Conference learns with thankfulness and pleasure, that in several Circuits the suggestion made in the last year's Minutes has been favourably entertained, and that in those Circuits Meetings have been held, to promote more extensively the evangelization of our home-population, which have excited great interest and produced beneficial effect; it regrets that very painful evidence has been afforded, during its present assembling, of the great lack of pecuniary means, so that men whom the providence and grace of God have raised up and qualified to be useful Ministers of Christ, cannot for want of funds be received into the work, though fields of usefulness urgently call for their labour; and it earnestly recommends that endeavour be made, by holding a Public Meeting in each Circuit, wherever practicable, to bring the spiritual wants of the people of this country more fully before our Congregations.

3. JOHN ROBINSON KAY, Esq., and the REV. JOSEPH CUSWORTH, are requested to accept the office of Treasurers, the REV. THOMAS DICKIN is appointed Secretary, of the Fund for the next year: and the Committee are, the President and the Secretary of the Conference; the Ex-President; John Lofthouse, Esq., the

Rev. Samuel D. Waddy, and the Rev. George B. Macdonald, as the Treasurers and Secretary of the Children's Fund ;—

Rev. William Barton,
— Dr. Beecham,
— John Bowers,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Henry Davies,
— Thomas Jackson,
— John Mason,
— James Methley,

Rev. William Naylor,
— Charles Preat,
— Richard Ray,
— John Scott,
— William W. Stamp,
— Edward Walker,
— Francis A. West;

with *three* Gentlemen, members of our Society, to be chosen by the Circuit-Stewards at the May Meeting of the Leeds District ; *two* from each of the following Districts, viz., London, Manchester and Bolton, Halifax and Bradford ; and *one* from each of the following Districts, viz., Birmingham and Shrewsbury, Liverpool, Sheffield, Nottingham and Derby, York, and Hull.

Q. XIX. What are the Resolutions of the Conference on receiving the Report of the SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF FINANCE appointed last year ?

A. 1. The Conference adopts this valuable Report, directs that it be printed in the Minutes, (See Appendix, No. VI.,) and hereby presents its thanks to the Committee for their diligent and useful labours.

2. The Conference is gratified to learn, that fifty additional houses have been furnished for the reception of Married Ministers, and that the Circuits in which these houses have been provided, will suitably maintain those Ministers,—in some cases, without any aid from the Contingent Fund, and in the others, with the assistance of a moderate Grant ; and it expresses its earnest hope that many other Circuits, at present having no houses for the Married Ministers who must of necessity be stationed in them, will provide suitable accommodation for their Ministers, by furnishing houses during the ensuing year.

3. The Conference, appreciating the value of the services of the Special Committee of Finance, and desiring that they should complete their useful labours, in the better arrangement of the pecuniary charges upon Circuits, and the more perfect adjustment of the Grants from the Contingent Fund, hereby re-appoints that Committee ; and, further, requests them to consider, generally, what improvement may be made in the present arrangements for carrying on the home-work. The following Ministers and Gentlemen are the Committee:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Treasurers and the Secretary of the Contingent Fund, the

Rev. William Barton,
— Dr. Beecham,
— John Bowers,
— Dr. Bunting,

Rev. Jonathan Crowther,
— John P. Haaswell,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Frederick J. Jobson,

Rev. Isaac Keeling,
 — William Kelk,
 — John Mason,
 — Charles Prest,
 — John Rattenbury,
 — John Rigg,
 — John Scott,
 — Samuel D. Waddy,
 — Francis A. West;
 Benjamin Agar, Esq.,
 Richard Bealey, Esq.,
 T. Percival Bunting, Esq.,
 John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
 John D. Burton, Esq.,

J. Chadwick, Esq.,
 William Cheeseborough, Esq.,
 Edward Corderoy, Esq.,
 Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
 John Farnworth, Esq.,
 James Heald, Esq.,
 Samuel R. Healey, Esq.,
 William Peel, Esq.,
 Francis Riggall, Esq.,
 George Smith, Esq., *Camborne*,
 Samuel H. Smith, Esq.,
 John Vanner, Esq.,
 Thomas Wade, Esq.,
 Ralph Wilson, Esq.

Q. XX. What does the Conference resolve, on receiving the Report of the COMMITTEE OF DISTRIBUTION?

A. 1. The Conference approves of the appropriation of the income from the Contingent Fund made by the Committee, and directs that it be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix, No. VII.)

2. The Conference regrets the necessity, created by the insufficiency of the income of the Fund, for the deduction of one-eighth part from the Grants which, upon a more particular examination of the resources and claims of dependent Circuits than has been heretofore made, had been deemed reasonable and requisite; it approves of the recommendation of the Committee of Distribution, and hereby authorizes each District-Committee, where it is thought that the amount granted is insufficient to afford adequate assistance to the poorer Circuits for the maintenance of their Ministers, to augment the Grant to at least one-eighth additional, by such means as the September District-Meeting may agree to adopt.

WORN-OUT MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AUXILIARY FUND.

Q. XXI. What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the affairs of the AUXILIARY FUND?

A. 1. The Conference adopts the Report of the Committee, and directs that it be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix, No. VIII.)

2. To prevent the recurrence of debt, a deduction of one-fourth shall be made from the allowances to Supernumeraries, and a deduction of one guinea from the allowances to Widows.

3. GEORGE R. CHAPPELL, Esq., and the REV. JOHN RATTENBURY, are requested to accept the office of Treasurers; and the REV. HENRY H. CHETTLER that of Secretary; and they are *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

4. The following persons are appointed the Committee for the ensuing year; whose duty it will be to superintend the general state and working of this Fund; and also to consider and decide

upon such peculiar cases of Supernumerary and Supcrannuated Ministers, and of Widows of Deceased Ministers, as may be specially recommended by the District-Meetings in the ensuing year, for some *occasional* relief from that Fund :—

The PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the Conference, the Ex-PRESIDENT, the Treasurers and Secretary of the Fund, and the

Rev. Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— Jonathan Crowther,
— Thomas Harris,
— John P. Haswell,
— Samuel Jackson,
— Thomas Jackson,
— Isaac Keeling,
— John Mason,
— William Naylor,
— John Scott;

Benjamin Agar, Esq., *York*,
John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
Thomas Farmer, Esq., *London*,
James Heald, Esq., *Stockport*,
John Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,
J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *Bury*,
Francis Riggall, Esq., *Bristol*,
Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
William Smith, Esq., *Leeds*,
Thomas Wade, Esq., *Seiby*,
Ralph Wilson, Esq., *Newcastle*.

N.B. Should any of the persons belonging to this Committee be unable to attend its Meeting on the Saturday previous to the assembling of the next Conference, early notice should be sent to the PRESIDENT, who has authority to appoint substitutes.

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

Q. XXII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION ?

A. 1. The Conference desires to acknowledge, with gratitude to God, the general efficiency of the Institution, under the Divine blessing for the accomplishment of the important objects for which it was established.

2. It is to the Conference a matter of high satisfaction and unfeigned gratitude, that the venerable President of the Institution, the REV. DR. BUNTING, has been enabled, by the good providence of God, to continue to it the advantage of his care and counsel ; and it is also a subject of devout and earnest prayer and hope, that he may be spared to render the like highly-valued services for years to come.

3. The thanks of the Conference are presented to the House-Governors and Tutors of the Institution, in each of its two Branches, and also to the General and Local Treasurers and Secretaries, for their faithful services during the past year.

4. JAMES HEALD, Esq., and the REV. JOHN FARRAR, are requested to remain in office, as the General Treasurers ; THOMAS FARMER, and P. BRAMES HALL, Esqs., as the Treasurers of the Southern Branch ; JOHN BURTON, and JOHN D. BURTON, Esqs., as the Treasurers of the Northern Branch ; the REV. JONATHAN CROWTHER is re-appointed the General Secretary ; the REV. ALFRED BARRETT the Secretary of the Southern Branch ; and

the REV. GEORGE T. PERKS the Secretary of the Northern Branch.

5. The Committee for the Special Examination of Candidates for our Ministry shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Tutors and House-Governors of both Branches of the Institution, the Missionary Secretaries, and such other Ministers as may be selected from their own number by the next Annual Meeting of the London District. The REV. ALFRED BARRETT and the REV. JOHN H. JAMES are appointed the Secretaries of this Committee.

Q. XXIII. Who are the GENERAL COMMITTEE of the Institution for the year ensuing?

A. The President and the Secretary of the Conference; the General Treasurers and Secretary; the Tutors and House-Governors; the Local Treasurers and Secretaries; and the General Secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society.—The Rev. John Mason, the Rev. Frederick J. Jobson, and Messrs. T. Crook and P. Kruse, are requested to act as Auditors; and shall, as such, be members of the General Committee.

Q. XXIV. Who are the LOCAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT for the *Southern* Branch of the Institution?

A. The President of the Conference; the President of the Institution; James Heald, Esq., one of the General Treasurers; Thomas Farmer, and P. Brame Hall, Esqs., the Local Treasurers; the Local Secretary; the Richmond Theological Tutor, and the House-Governor; the Secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society; and the following Ministers and Gentlemen:—

Rev. William M. Bunting,
John M. Camplin, Esq.,
John Chubb, Esq.,
Christopher T. Gabriel, Esq.,
Walter Griffith, Esq.,
Rev. John Hall,
James Hoby, Esq.,
James Hunter, Esq.,
John Hunter, Esq.,
Rev. John H. James,
Rev. Frederick J. Jobson,
Thomas Knight, Esq.,
Mr. Peter Kruse,
Rev. John C. Leppington,
Rev. George B. Macdonald,

Rev. John Mason,
Mr. James Nash,
William W. Pocock, Esq.,
Rev. Charles Prest,
Richard M. Reece, Esq.,
Rev. William H. Rule,
Rev. John Scott,
Rev. John Smith, 2d,
Rev. Thomas Stokoe,
Rev. William L. Thornton, A.M.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.,
Rev. Charles Westlake,
Rev. Joseph Wood,
Rev. Robert Young.

Q. XXV. Who are the LOCAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT for the *Northern* Branch of the Institution?

A. The President and the Secretary of the Conference; the President of the Institution; James Heald, Esq., one of the General Treasurers; John Burton, and John D. Burton, Esqs., the Local Treasurers; the Local Secretary; the Didsbury

Classical Tutor and the Governor; and the following Ministers and Gentlemen :—

Richard Bealey, Esq.,
 Rev. John Bedford,
 Mr. Henry Bowman,
 T. P. Bunting, Esq.,
 W. Cheeseborough, Esq.,
 Rev. Samuel W. Christophers,
 Charles Cooper, Esq.,
 Thomas Crook, Esq.,
 Rev. Peter Duncan,
 John Fernley, Esq.,
 James Fildes, Esq.,
 J. Robinson Kay, Esq.,
 Rev. William Kelk,
 George Knowles, Esq.,
 Rev. Robert Leake,

John Lomas, Esq.,
 Rev. George Marsden,
 George Marsden, Esq.,
 John Mayson, Esq.,
 James Morris, Esq.,
 Francis Parnell, Esq.,
 Rev. Joseph Roberts,
 Samuel H. Smith, Esq.,
 Rev. George Taylor,
 George Turner, Esq., M.D.,
 Rev. John Vine,
 Rev. Samuel D. Waddy,
 Rev. Francis A. West,
 Edward Westhead, Esq.,
 Peter Wood, Esq., M.D.

EDUCATION.

Q. XXVI. What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the subject of **WESLEYAN EDUCATION**?

A. 1. The Conference receives and adopts the Report of the Special Meeting of the Education Committee, held on Monday, July 24th; and directs that it be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix, No. IX.)

2. The Conference hereby expresses its thankfulness to God that, by His blessing, the Training Institution at Westminster continues to prosper; so that, while the number of Week-day Schools has considerably increased during the last year, a sufficient number of Teachers, duly trained, has been sent out to conduct them, by whose earnest and well-directed labours a large number of the children of the poor will receive the benefits of a Christian education.

3. The Conference learns with great satisfaction that the entire cost of *building* the Normal Institution and Practising Schools at Westminster, and a portion of the cost of their *fittings* and *furniture*, have been defrayed, by contributions received from friends in the Circuits where Public Meetings for aiding the Fund have been held; and hereby tenders its cordial thanks to the Ministers and Friends who have so generously afforded their valuable assistance.

4. From the Committee's Report it appears that a considerable deficiency, caused by fitting up the Lecture-Hall, Students' Class-Rooms, and other rooms, and by furnishing the Institution generally, remains to be provided for; and that in many Circuits no Public Meetings in aid of the Fund have yet been held; and, while the Conference fully approves of the discretion which the Committee has exercised, in not urging those Circuits to hold such Meetings during the last year, lest they should in any way

interfere with the great Connexional effort to relieve the several General Funds and the Chapel-Trusts from pecuniary embarrassment,—it considers it most desirable that this deficiency should be met, and all accounts forthwith settled. The Conference, therefore, repeats the Minute of last year upon this subject, and directs that Public Meetings in aid of the Fund shall be held in all the Circuits where they have not been held already, and, if possible, before Christmas next; and that such Meetings shall be attended, if practicable, by a Deputation from the Committee. The Committee is hereby authorized and requested to correspond with the several Districts and Circuits, for the purpose of carrying the present Resolution into effect.

5. The Conference regards with great concern the want of an adequate provision in our Circuits for the instruction, and training, in Schools on the Week-days, of the children that attend our numerous Sunday-schools, and also strongly participates in the regret so generally felt, and publicly expressed in Parliament and elsewhere, at the want of sufficient means of instruction for the children of the poor, especially in some rural districts, and in populous towns; and it strongly recommends our Ministers and Friends in the several Circuits carefully to consider whether more may not be done in their localities to meet this want, by commencing new Week-day Schools wherever needed; and the Conference hopes that the holding of Public Meetings, as directed in the preceding Resolution, will greatly tend to promote these most desirable and important undertakings.

6. The REV. JOHN SCOTT is re-appointed the Chairman of the Education Committee; JAMES HUNTER, Esq., and the REV. FREDERICK J. JOBSON, are re-appointed the Treasurers; and the REV. MICHAEL C. TAYLOR is re-appointed the Secretary, for the ensuing year.

N.B. All Communications are to be addressed to the REV. MICHAEL C. TAYLOR, *Wesleyan Normal Institution, Westminster.*

7. The Committee shall consist of the following persons; viz., the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Chairman, Treasurers, and Secretary; the

Rev. William Arthur, A.M.,
 — Alfred Barrett,
 — Dr. Beecham,
 — Dr. Bunting,
 — John Hall,
 — Elijah Hoole,
 — Samuel Jackson,
 — Thomas Jackson,
 — William Jackson, 2d,
 — Joseph Lawton,
 — George B. Macdonald,

Rev. Joseph Millar,
 — George Osborn,
 — Charles Prest,
 — William H. Rule,
 — John Smith, 2d,
 — William L. Thornton, M.A.,
 — Charles Westlake,
 — Luke H. Wiseman,
 — Joseph Wood,
 — Robert Young;

Mr. Armstrong,
J. F. Bennett, Esq.,
Mr. William Bourne,
Mr. Buckland,
Mr. Isaac Clark,
Mr. J. Clippingdale,
Mr. James Duncan,
Thomas Farmer, Esq.,
Benjamin Gough, Esq.,
Thomas Gurney, Esq.,
James Hoby, Esq.,

George T. Jerram, Esq.,
Thomas Knight, Esq.,
Mr. Peter Kruse,
John Lidgett, Esq.,
Francis Lycett, Esq.,
James Nash, Esq.,
Mr. Francis Shaw,
Joseph Shaw, Esq.,
John Vanner, Esq.,
Greaves Walker, Esq.;—

And, for the Country,

Rev. William Barton,
— John Bowers,
— Willson Brailsford,
— William P. Burgess, M.A.,
— William Burt,
— Henry H. Chettle,
— Jonathan Crowther,
— Isaac Denison,
— John P. Haswell,
— Israel Holgate,
— William Illingworth,
— Isaac Keeling,
— William Kelk,
— Peter M'Owan,
— James Methley,
— William Naylor,
— Robert Newstead,
— James Osborn,
— John C. Pengelly,
— John Rattenbury,
— John Rigg,
— William W. Stamp,
— John Stephenson,
— Thomas Vasey,
— Samuel D. Waddy,
— Francis A. West,
— J. Gilchrist Wilson;
Robert Abbott, Esq., *Alford*,
Mr. John Bottom, *Nottingham*,
James S. Budgett, Esq., *Bristol*,
T. Percival Bunting, Esq., *Manchester*,
John Burton, Esq., *Leeds*,
Jeshua Burton, Esq., *ditto*,

William Cheeseborough, Esq., *Bradford*,
R. Crook, Esq., *Liverpool*,
Mr. T. Davies, *Wednesbury*,
J. B. Falconar, Esq., *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*,
John Farnworth, Esq., *Liverpool*,
George Fishwick, Esq., *Garstang*,
Thomas Garland, Esq., *Redruth*,
John Hartley, Esq., *Wolverhampton*,
James Heald, Esq., *Parr's Wood*,
Samuel R. Healey, Esq., *Liverpool*,
Thomas Holmes, Esq., *Hull*,
John Irving, Esq., *Bristol*,
Mr. J. Clarkson Kay, *Bury*,
J. Robinson Kay, Esq., *ditto*,
George Knowles, Esq., *Bolton*,
John Mayson, Esq., *Manchester*,
Francis Parnell, Esq., *ditto*,
William Peel, Esq., *Bradford*,
H. Sandwith, Esq., M.D., *Hull*,
George Sercombe, Esq., *Exeter*,
George Smith, Esq., F.A.S., *Camborne*,
Samuel H. Smith, Esq., *Sheffield*,
William Smith, Esq., *Leeds*,
Mr. R. F. Sturges, *Birmingham*,
Mr. Jonas Sugden, *Keighley*,
Thomas F. Sutcliffe, Esq., *Willow-Hall*,
Thomas Wade, Esq., *Selby*,
Thomas Walker, Esq., *Cheltenham*,
Ralph Wilson, Esq., *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*,
Peter Wood, Esq., M.D., *Southport*.

8. The Conference, being aware of the inconvenience and distress, or even positive failure, which would probably result in cases where any other *item* of importance, beyond the *current expenses* of the School, might be required to be annually provided for, recommends to all Local Committees to aim, in the commencement of their respective undertakings, at having their School Premises entirely free from debt; and, with a view to the securing of this object,—

The Conference directs the parties contemplating the erection of premises (or any expensive alteration or enlargement of premises already erected) for the establishment of *new* Schools, to communicate,—*First*, With the Education Committee, for the purpose of receiving suitable counsel as to the general eligibility of their projected undertaking, and the adaptation of the premises to the system of instruction designed to be adopted; and, *Secondly*, With the Wesleyan Chapel Committee, for the purpose of receiving such advice and assistance, in regard to the proposed building-plans and estimates, as the experience of that Committee may enable them to give.

9. The following Ministers and Friends are particularly invited to attend a Special Meeting of the Education Committee, which will be held in Leeds, at nine o'clock, A.M., and at four, P.M., on Monday, July 23d, 1855; viz.,—

Rev. William Allen, 1st,
 — William Bacon,
 — Jonathan J. Bates,
 — John Bedford,
 — Corbett Cooke,
 — Joseph Cusworth,
 — Henry Davies,
 — Robert Day,
 — Dr. Dixon,
 — Peter Duncan,
 — Thomas Dunn,
 — Adam Fletcher,
 — William Ford,
 — Joseph Hargreaves,
 — Charles Haydon,
 — John Hobson,
 — Joseph Hollis,
 — Robert Jackson,
 — William Lord,
 — James Loutit,
 — George Marsden,
 — Thomas S. Monkhouse,
 — Richard Ray,
 — James Scholes,
 — George Scott, 1st,
 — Robert Sherwell,
 — Samuel Simpson,
 — Joseph Stinson,
 — Samuel Tindall,
 — James J. Topham,
 — Edward Walker,
 — Joseph Watson,
 — Theophilus Woolmer;
 B. Agar, Esq., *York*,
 T. Bagnall, Esq., *West-Bromwich*,

Richard Bealey, Esq., *Bury*,
 Mr. John N. Brigg, *Leeds*,
 William Brock, Esq., *Exeter*,
 J. Carne, Esq., *Penzance*,
 James Chadwick, Esq., *York*,
 W. Dyson, Esq., *Hoorden*,
 Mr. E. Eyre, *Sheffield*,
 Henry Fowler, Esq., *Scarborough*,
 Robert Hardey, Esq., *Hull*,
 Mr. C. Heeley, *Birmingham*,
 W. B. Holdsworth, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Mr. T. Holmes, *Bradford*,
 William Hopwood, Esq., *Burnley*,
 James Howarth, Esq., *ditto*,
 D. S. Leather, Esq., *Liverpool*,
 J. Lofthouse, Esq., *Sheffield*,
 Mr. Isaac Lowthian, *Penrith*,
 Mr. Mackie, *Wakefield*,
 J. Marshall, Esq., *Stockport*,
 Mr. Alderman Meek, *York*,
 George Morley, Esq., *Leeds*,
 Mr. Moxon, *Pontefract*,
 J. Nussey, Esq., *Birstal*,
 Mr. B. Pollard, *Leeds*,
 Mr. Alderman Richardson, *Leeds*,
 R. Ripley, Esq., *Leeds*,
 G. Smith, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Isaac Taylor, *York*,
 Mr. J. Thackray, *Leeds*,
 T. Tomblinson, Esq., *Barton*,
 W. Turner, Esq., *Derby*,
 Mr. B. R. Vickers, *Leeds*,
 James Walker, Esq., *ditto*,
 Mr. Samuel Weston, *ditto*,
 John Yewdall, Esq., *Yeadon*.

N.B. The Education Committee is empowered to invite to this Meeting any other Friends who take part in the support and extension of our Day-School system.

CATECHUMEN CLASSES AND PASTORAL CARE OF THE YOUNG.

Q. XXVII. What does the Conference determine on the subject of CATECHUMEN CLASSES, and PASTORAL CARE OF THE YOUNG?

A. The following Ministers are appointed a Committee for the general direction of this effort:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference;

Rev. Samuel Jackson, *Convener*,
Joseph Richardson, Esq., *Park-Square, Leeds, Treasurer*,
Rev. Robert Jackson, *Secretary*,
— William Arthur, A.M.,
— Alfred Barrett,
— John Bedford,
— William Burt,
— Hugh Carter,
— Samuel W. Christophers,
— John Dowty,
— Richard Heape,
— Israel Holgate,
— William Jessop,
— Isaac Keeling,
— John Kirk, 1st,
— Robert Leake,
— John C. Leppington,
— James Loutit,

Rev. Robert M. MacBrair, A.M.,
— Peter M'Owan,
— James Methley,
— Charles Prest,
— James H. Rigg,
— William H. Rule,
— George Scott, 1st,
— John Scott,
— William W. Stamp,
— Alexander Strachan,
— James Sutcliff,
— Michael C. Taylor,
— William L. Thornton, A.M.,
— Samuel Tindall,
— James J. Topham,
— John Vine,
— Samuel D. Waddy,
— Edward Walker,
— Francis A. West.

MR. JACKSON has authority to receive subscriptions towards the advancement of this work in England.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Q. XXVIII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference on receiving the Report of the SABBATH COMMITTEE?

A. 1. The Conference presents its thanks to the Sabbath Committee, and to the Secretaries, the REV. ROBERT NEWSTEAD, and the REV. GEORGE MAUNDER, for their interesting Reports, and for their services during the past year.

2. The following Ministers are appointed the Committee for the year ensuing:—The President and the Secretary of the Conference;

Rev. William Arthur, A.M.,
— Alfred Barrett,
— Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— John Hall,
— Thomas Jackson,
— John C. Leppington,

Rev. George Osborn,
— William B. Pope,
— Charles Prest,
— William H. Rule,
— John Scott,
— William L. Thornton, A.M.,
— Robert Young;

And, for the Country,—

Rev. John Iomas, *Ex-President*,
— William Barton,
— William P. Burgess, A.M.,

Rev. Jonathan Crowther,
— Israel Holgate,
— Isaac Keeling,

Rev. Peter M'Owan,
— William Naylor,
— John Rattenbury,
— George Scott, 1st,

Rev. William W. Stamp,
— George Turner, 1st,
— Edward Walker,
— Francis A. West.

3. The REV. ROBERT NEWSTEAD and the REV. GEORGE MAUNDER are re-appointed Secretaries.

4. The following are a Sub-Committee to act on emergencies:—
The President and the Secretary of the Conference,

Rev. William Arthur, A.M.,
— Dr. Beecham,
— Dr. Bunting,
— George Maunder,
— Robert Newstead,

Rev. George Osborn,
— Charles Prest,
— William H. Rule,
— John Scott,
— William L. Thornton, A.M.

5. Our Ministers and people are earnestly recommended to adopt proper measures in their respective neighbourhoods, during the next year, to secure the entire closing, by legislative enactment, of public-houses on the Lord's day.

6. The Conference, regarding with apprehension the recommendation of a Committee of the House of Commons, that certain places of public resort, which have been hitherto closed on the Lord's day, should be in future opened, directs that a Memorial on the subject be addressed to Her Majesty's Government; and requests the President, attended by such Ministers as he may appoint, to present the same.

N.B. Considering that the frequenting of public-houses greatly aggravates every other form of Sabbath-breaking, the Conference directed a Petition to be immediately addressed to both Houses of Parliament, praying that beer-shops, public-houses, and places of entertainment, be closed on all hours of the Lord's day, in England. (A Petition to this effect was prepared and forwarded accordingly.)

RESOLUTIONS ON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE SOCIETIES.

Q. XXIX. What is the judgment of the Conference on the SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE WORK OF GOD IN THE CONNEXION AT HOME?

A. The usual statistical Returns from the Districts were examined; and the inquiries made with reference to them gave rise to a lengthened and profitable conversation. After careful deliberation on the subject, the Conference unanimously adopted the following Resolutions:—

I. The Conference is firmly persuaded that the first great necessity of the Connexion is a new and more abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all its Ministers, Office-bearers, and Members. Such a visitation "from on high" would effectually overcome all the hindrances to our great work which the circum-

stances of the times present, and would secure a speedy revival and general spread of religion ; and the Conference humbly trusts that, in answer to earnest and persevering prayer, such a visitation will, ere long, be vouchsafed.

II. The Conference is fully convinced that; under the Divine blessing, the spiritual health of the Societies must mainly depend upon the efficiency of the public and divinely-instituted ordinances of religion, and upon the regular observance and profitable character of our Class-Meetings, and other private means of grace ; and therefore exhorts all the Ministers to use their best efforts to sustain the interest and secure the full advantage of those ordinary opportunities of religious improvement which are in use in our community.

III. The practice, which was so successfully followed in former times, of preaching out of doors at every proper opportunity, is afresh commended to the consideration of the Ministers of the Connexion, with a view to its revival or adoption, wherever practicable. The custom of holding prayer-meetings at an early hour in the morning, to offer earnest intercessions for the revival of the work of God in the hearts of our people, is one which might be at once restored, in many places, with great advantage ; and the Conference recommends a speedy return to it. Other methods of usefulness are suggested in the "Minutes" adopted at Liverpool in 1820, to which the Conference again directs attention, as embodying counsels peculiarly adapted to the present circumstances of the Connexion. The Conference also instructs our Ministers to discountenance, by every means in their power, any tendency which may appear, among our people, to fall into the snares of worldly amusements ; ever exhorting them to the strictest avoidance of that which may compromise their Christian profession, or entangle the younger members of their families in temptation.

IV. As a means of promoting that concerted and simultaneous effort for the revival of the work of God, from which all the Members of the Connexion may, in their respective spheres, derive increased fervour and confidence, the Conference directs further,—

1. That the usual September District-Meetings, after the despatch of their regular business on the first day of their assembly, shall for this year be adjourned to the following day, on which the Ministers of the District shall be required to re-assemble, for the purpose of united prayer, and of conversation as to the best means of promoting the work of God among themselves, and the people of their charge. On the evening of the second day, public religious services shall be held in the principal Chapel or Chapels of the town where the District-Meeting may assemble. The Chairmen of the Districts and the Superintendents of Circuits are directed to make such arrangements as will secure the

attendance of the principal part (if not of the whole) of the Ministers of each District.

2. The next Quarterly Fast-day, namely, Friday, October, 6th, shall be considered as *special*; and the Ministers are directed to use their best endeavours to promote the general and devout observance of it throughout their several Circuits; and, to this effect, to preach particularly on the subject on the preceding Lord's day.

3. The annual solemnity of Renewing the Covenant, as practised among us, may, if duly prepared for and improved, afford a means of great usefulness in quickening the zeal of our people, and in bringing many to decide for a religious life. The Conference therefore advises and urgently recommends the Ministers to use all due care in preparing for that observance; and directs that on the first Lord's day afterwards, Sermons specially directed to the awakening of sinners, and the revival of a spirit of tender concern for the unconverted, shall be preached in all our Chapels. During the succeeding week, special religious services shall be held daily throughout the kingdom, that the whole Society may together humble itself before God for past unfaithfulness, and seek for new and more ample measures of the quickening Spirit.

This time is selected as being probably the earliest when a general union in devotional exercises can be secured; but the Conference trusts that no practicable effort for the revival of religion will, in consequence, be postponed; but that all, according to their opportunity, will labour day by day for the promotion and spread of vital godliness, and that the spirit of humble expectation will be constantly cherished, so that the ancient promise may receive a new and happy accomplishment, "It shall come to pass, that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Thanks to the late President and Secretary.* Resolved unanimously, (1.) That the Conference, cordially recognising the distinguished ability, suavity, and fidelity, with which the late President, the REV. JOHN LOMAS, has discharged the various and important duties of his office, affectionately presents to him its thanks for his valuable and highly-esteemed services.

(2.) That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to its President, the REV. JOHN FARRAR, for the faithful, eminently able, and highly acceptable services rendered by him during the last year, as the Secretary of the Conference.

2. *Thanks to the Treasurers, Secretaries, and Committees of the several Funds.* Resolved unanimously, That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Treasurers, Secre-

taries, and Committees of the Connexional Funds, for their highly acceptable and useful services during the past year.

3. *Official Sermon of the President.* Resolved unanimously, That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the President, the REV. JOHN FARRAR, for the able and appropriate discourse which, in the course of his official duties, he delivered in Cherry-street Chapel, in the forenoon of Sunday, July 30th ; and that he be earnestly requested to prepare it for publication.

4. *Official Sermon and Charge of the ex-President.* Resolved unanimously, (1.) That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the late President, the REV. JOHN LOMAS, for the admirable discourse which, in the course of his official duty, he delivered before the Conference, in the forenoon of Monday, July 31st ; and that he be earnestly requested to prepare it for publication.

(2.) That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the late President, the REV. JOHN LOMAS, for the excellent Charge which he delivered, on Wednesday, August 2d, to the newly-ordained Ministers ; and that he be earnestly requested to prepare it for immediate publication.

5. *Attendance of Ministers at Official Meetings.* Mistakes having arisen in reference to this subject, the Conference deems it proper and necessary to declare, that all the Ministers and Preachers on Trial appointed to a Circuit, have a constitutional right to take part as members in our Leaders' Meetings, and in all other official Meetings of the Circuits to which they are appointed.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. *Auxiliary Fund.* (1.) Each Circuit is to be responsible to the General Treasurers for a yearly sum equal, at the least, on a general average of all the Societies included within that Circuit, to Sixpence per Member, the numbers for the Circuit being taken, in all cases, as returned to the preceding Conference, and published in its Minutes.

(2.) The Conference directs, that, at the renewal of the Society Tickets during the September Visitation, every Minister shall fully explain to the Members the nature and reasonableness of those claims upon their justice and liberality, which were intended to be met by the establishment of this Fund. He shall then enter in the Class-Book the individual subscriptions, as in the case of the Yearly Collection at the March Visitation. At the *first* or *second* Class-Meetings in the month of October, the Leaders shall collect the Subscriptions thus promised ; and shall pay the same to the Circuit-Treasurer, as hereinafter appointed.

(3.) In order to prevent a deficiency in the sum which an average of Sixpence per Member throughout England, Scotland, and

Wales would raise, the Conference directs that the Ministers of every Circuit be enjoined, with the assistance of our Lay Friends, to do their utmost to raise its full proportion in October next, by the Subscriptions in the Classes; and that, in any Circuit which shall then prove deficient, Public Collections shall be made to meet such deficiency, if not otherwise provided for.

(4.) In every Circuit, at the September Quarterly Meeting, a Circuit-Treasurer for the Worn-out-Ministers' and Widows' Fund shall be appointed, whose office it shall be,

(i.) To meet the Class-Leaders, not later than the last week in October, in order to examine the books in which the contributions of the Members shall have been entered; and to receive the sums which shall have been paid, in the early part of that month.

(ii.) To see, or communicate with, those Leaders who cannot attend the Meeting.

(iii.) To confer with the Ministers and leading Friends of the Circuit, on the best method of making up the deficiency, if it should happen in any case that the amount received in the Classes falls below the proportionate sum chargeable on the Circuit.

(iv.) To remit the Circuit contribution to the District-Treasurer for the Auxiliary Fund, as is the case in respect to the Children's Fund;—this remittance to be made in the month of November, *at the latest*.

(5.) At each Financial District-Meeting, held in September, a District-Treasurer shall be chosen, to whom all sums raised in the Circuits of his District shall be paid, and he shall transmit such sums to the General Treasurers not later than the 13th of December. These remittances are to be addressed to the REV. JOHN RATTENBURY, *Leeds*.

(6.) At the Annual District-Meetings held in May, when the Circuit-Stewards are in attendance, the District-Treasurers shall report the sums which they have received from the several Circuits;—when, if any Circuit has not raised its quota, the Ministers and Stewards of that Circuit shall be urged to make up the deficiency; and arrangements shall be made for the continued prosecution, in the several Circuits, of this truly Christian measure, which the Connexion, in the Centenary year, so unanimously recommended to the adoption of the Conference.

2. *Annual Return of Members in Society.* The number of Members in Society, and of persons admitted on trial, as taken at the *March* Quarterly Visitation in each year, and reported, by a presentation of the Circuit-Schedules, at the District-Meetings, shall be the number returned on the Minutes of the following Conference.

3. *Liverpool Minutes.* Resolved, that the Resolutions adopted by the Conference in the year 1820, and usually called the *Liverpool Minutes*, besides being read and considered in every Annual Meeting of the District-Committees, as our standing Regulations

require, shall also be read at the Weekly Meetings of Ministers in each Circuit, next following each September Quarterly Meeting; and the Chairmen of Districts are directed to make inquiry concerning the due observance of this regulation.

4. *Quarterly Fast-Days.* The days upon which the Quarterly-Fast, appointed by Rule, is to be observed throughout the Connexion, for the following year, are, Friday, October 6th, January 5th, March 30th, and June 29th.

5. *Rule of 1797 concerning Admission of Members.* Mistakes having occasionally arisen respecting the meaning of the Rule of 1797, on the subject of the admission of persons who are on trial as members of our Society, the Conference deems it necessary to repeat the statement, That it never was intended that the names of all those who are on trial should be laid before a Leaders' Meeting for distinct and formal discussion; but solely this, That if there be, in the opinion of a Leader, any reasonable objection to the character and conduct of any person who is on trial, such objection may be stated by him; and that if the validity of the objection be established to the satisfaction of the Meeting, a Member's Ticket shall not be given to the person, so objected to, at the Quarterly Visitation.

6. *Schedules and Circulars for Connexional Business.* As it is obviously desirable that the Committees appointed by the Conference to manage the several departments of the business of the Connexion in the intervals of its session, should be furnished with as much statistical information as possible, on the matters of business severally confided to their care, the Conference authorizes them, through their appointed Officers, to send, when they deem it expedient, suitable Circulars and Schedules to the Superintendents or to the Chairmen of Districts, as the case may require; and directs the Superintendents and Chairmen duly to return such Schedules properly filled up.

7. *Reading of the Pastoral Address in Society-Meetings.* The Superintendents are directed to appoint a Special Society-Meeting to be held, at each principal Chapel in their Circuits, either in the afternoon of the Lord's day, or on some convenient evening of the week, for the purpose of having the Pastoral Address read to the Society, and made the subject of suitable remarks and exhortations.

8. In order to bring the state and progress of the work of God in every Circuit distinctly and regularly under the examination of the District-Meetings, copies of the *Printed Circuit-Schedules*, duly filled up, shall be annually produced, examined, and considered. The Chairmen of Districts are made responsible for the execution of this order; and shall bring such Circuit-Schedules with them to the Conference, that they may be forthcoming, if called for. (See also Minutes for 1831, Q. xxv., Vol. VII., p. 67.)

9. *Minor District-Meetings.* The following addition to the Rule of 1793, on the constitution of Minor District-Committees, is unanimously adopted by the Conference; viz.,—

That, in any case in which the Chairman of a District may deem it necessary to appoint a Minor District-Committee, should either party refuse or decline to choose two Ministers to act as members thereof, the Chairman is empowered and directed to nominate them, so that the number required by rule may be made up.

10. *Candidates for Admission on Trial.* Those Preachers who are recommended for admission on Trial shall preach in the presence of at least three of the Ministers of the District-Committee, (at or about the time of its Annual Meeting in May,) to be selected by the Chairman, (exclusively of the Superintendents by whom the Candidates respectively are proposed,) and a special report of the Sermons shall be made in the District-Meeting, and immediately forwarded in writing to the London Committee of Examination.

11. *District-Meetings of 1855.* It is resolved, that all the regular Annual Meetings of the several District-Committees shall be held between the 13th and 20th of May, 1855, with the exception of the Lincoln, the North Wales, and the Second South Wales.

12. *Preachers on Trial to have proper opportunities for receiving the Lord's Supper.* The Conference, having been informed that in several Circuits the Preachers on Trial have very rarely an opportunity for receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, resolves, that, in compliance with a former injunction on this subject, the Superintendents be required to make the necessary arrangements, in their Circuit-Plans, for securing to their junior Colleagues proper facilities for partaking of this holy Sacrament.

13. *District-Minutes.* The Chairmen of Districts are peremptorily required to procure *three* complete copies of the Minutes of the several Annual and other Meetings of the District-Committees, duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary. One of these copies shall be inserted in the District-Records; a second shall be reserved for the use of the Chairman and Financial Secretary at the Conference; and a third shall be delivered to the Sub-Secretaries, on the Wednesday preceding the Conference, and by them to the President during the first week of each Conference, to be preserved, under his direction, as a document appertaining to the Connexion. The several copies of the last class shall be written on foolscap paper, that they may be annually bound together in one volume.

14. The Superintendents of those Circuits in which the Conference may from year to year assemble, shall, with the previous approbation of the President, (as already required by rule,) com-

plete and print, not later than the 15th day of June in each year, a Plan of the order of preaching in the principal chapels during the session of the Conference; and shall also, on or before the above date, inform every person whom they may have appointed to preach in those chapels, of the time and place of such appointment. And in order that the Plan thus prepared may not be violated, to the disappointment of our friends, and to the great inconvenience of other parties concerned, no Minister who attends the Conference shall be at liberty to make an engagement to preach in any other Circuit, either on the Sabbath, or on any other day, during the period appointed for the meeting of the Conference, or of its various Preparatory Committees, at the time for which his name shall be inserted on the Conference Plan.

15. The Chairmen of Districts are enjoined to make particular inquiries at their Annual Meetings, in reference to all the points of Discipline specified in the first Article of the Answer to Q. xxviii., in our Minutes of 1825.

CONFERENCE OF 1855.

Q. XXX. When and where shall our NEXT CONFERENCE be held?

A. In *Leeds*, commencing on Wednesday, July 25th, 1855, at Nine o'clock, A.M.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN FARRAR, *President*,

JOHN HANNAH, D.D., *Secretary*.

Birmingham, August 11th, 1854.

The PRESIDENT's address is, *Richmond, Surrey*; and the SECRETARY's, *Didsbury, Manchester*.

ORDER OF COMMITTEES FOR 1855.

The COMMITTEES preparatory to the next Conference are appointed to meet in *Leeds*, as follows;—(subject, however, to any change of the particular order, days, or hours, here specified, which the PRESIDENT, giving due notice to the parties concerned, may find it expedient to make;) viz.,—

1. *Stationing Committee*, Thursday, July 12th, at nine A.M.
2. *Book Committee*, (pp. 457, 458,) Tuesday, July 17th, at four P.M.
3. *Contingent Fund and Children's Fund Committee*, (pp. 462, 463,) Wednesday, July 18th, at nine A.M. and four P.M.
4. *Chapel Committee*, (p. 459,) Thursday, July 19th, at nine A.M. and four P.M.

5. *Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools' Committee*, (p. 456,) Friday, July 20th, at nine A.M.
6. *Annual Meeting of Trustees of New Kingswood School*, Friday, July 20th, at twelve noon.
7. *Theological Institution General Committee*, (p. 466,) Friday, July 20th, at six P.M.
8. *Auxiliary Fund Committee*, (p. 465,) Saturday, July 21st, at nine A.M.
9. *The Sabbath Committee*, (pp. 471, 472,) Saturday, July 21st, at four P.M.
10. *The Catechumen Committee*, (p. 471,) Saturday, July 21st, at six P.M.
11. *General Education Committee*, (p. 470,) Monday, July 23d, at nine A.M. and four P.M.
12. *Special Missionary Committee of Review*, (p. 453,) Tuesday, July 24th, at nine A.M.
18. *Annual Meetings of the Trustees of the two Institution-Houses*, Tuesday, July 24th, at four P.M.

N.B. 1. The Secretaries of the several Funds are directed to meet in Leeds, on Wednesday, July 18th, for the purpose of preparing for their respective Committees the accounts of their several departments.

2. The Rev. Isaac Keeling, the Rev. Jonathan Crowther, and the Rev. William Barton, our Sub-Secretaries, are directed to attend at the same time, for the purpose of compiling from the District-Minutes various Lists, &c., which will facilitate the business of the Committees, and of the subsequent Conference.

3. The Chairmen of Districts are required to bring, or send, *in time for the meeting of the Secretaries of the several Funds*, on Wednesday, July 18th, perfect copies of the District-Minutes, and an account of the Numbers in Society in the several Circuits of their Districts, as taken at the March Visitation in 1855.

LIST OF GENERAL COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1854-55.

The following are the usual and regular Collections which are to be made in all our Circuits during the ensuing year; viz.,—

1. The Private Donations in the Classes, on behalf of the Worn-out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund, shall be entered in the Class-Books at the next September Visitation, and collected in the month of October. (See Minutes of 1851, Q. xxvii., A. 2, Vol. XI., p. 664.)

2. The Private Subscriptions and Public Collections for the Kingswood and Woodhouse-Grove Schools, &c., are to be made in the *early* part of the month of November, 1854; and the

amount, *without any deduction on account of Educational Allowances to Children*, should be immediately remitted to the Rev. Benjamin B. Waddy, *Bradford, Yorkshire*, one of the General Secretaries for the School-Fund. Each Superintendent must also send to the General Treasurers a particular account of the sums contributed to the Fund, and of all claims for educational allowances in his Circuit, and then specify distinctly the names of the children, for whose education the claim is made, the date, year, and place of their birth, and the exact number of years during which the allowance has been received.

3. The Annual Subscriptions, due January 1st, and occasional Donations, for the Wesleyan Theological Institution, are to be solicited in every Circuit in the first or second week of January, 1855; and *forthwith* remitted to the Rev. John Farrar, at the *Wesleyan Theological Institution, Richmond, London*.

4. The Annual Public Collections for the General Chapel Fund are to be made in the month of February, 1855; and the whole amount should be immediately remitted to the Rev. William Kelk, *Manchester*.

5. The Yearly Collection in all the Classes is to be made, as usual, at the March Visitation, and the money to be paid at the District-Meetings in May.

6. The Private Subscriptions and Public Collections for the Wesleyan Education Fund are to be made in the month of April, 1855, and the money to be paid, at or before the May District-Meeting, to the Financial Secretaries, and by them remitted to the Rev. Frederick J. Jobson, 3, *Chester-Place, Lambeth, London*. The *Circuit-Lists* are to be sent by the Superintendents to the Rev. Michael C. Taylor, *Normal Training Institution, Westminster, London*.

7. The Private Subscriptions for the Mission-Fund are to be received in all our Circuits, either weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually, as is most convenient to the Subscribers. The Annual Public Collections for that Fund are to be made in all our chapels, and other preaching-places, at the time of the Anniversaries of the several Auxiliary or Branch Societies; or, where no Public Meetings of that kind are held, in the month of May. The money so raised must be remitted, *through the hands of the District-Treasurers*, to Thomas Farmer, Esq., and the Rev. Elijah Hoole, whose address is, *Wesleyan Centenary Hall, Bishopsgate-Street within, London*.

8. The Private Subscriptions for the Auxiliary Worn-out Ministers' and Widows' Fund are to be solicited in the month of May, 1855; and a list of Subscriptions is to be sent to the Secretary, the Rev. Henry H. Chettle, 8, *Daulby-Street, Liverpool*, not later than the 30th of June. (See Minutes of 1851, Q. XXVIII., Vol. XI., p. 666.) The money is to be paid on or before the

first day of the Conference to the Financial Secretary of the District, and by him to Messrs. Chappell and Rattenbury, the Treasurers.

9. The Collection in aid of the Contingent Fund, for the support and spread of the Gospel in *Great Britain and Ireland*, is to be made in all our chapels and preaching-places, *not later than the second Sunday in July, 1855*; and the money is to be paid, *on or before the first day of the Conference*, to the Financial Secretaries of each District respectively, and by them to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund, Messrs. Kay and Cusworth.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE METHODIST SOCIETIES.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

IN the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of whose Spirit we are one people, we give you our most fervent and affectionate greetings. We address you from our annual assembly under a very solemn sense of mutual responsibility. The relation which we sustain to you never weighs so heavily upon our hearts, and is never invested with so solemn an importance, as when we are thus met together. We feel ourselves to be no longer mere individual Pastors of the flock of Christ, dealing with the local and limited affairs of separate Societies of His people; but a united body of His Ministers, caring for a large section of His church. All those vast interests which bind us to His service, and to one another, rise before us in the fulness of their claims, and constrain us to be deeply in earnest. Our pastoral relation to you is felt by us to be not a theory, but a great reality; and the words which it prompts us to write to you are the utterance of our whole hearts. Receive them, therefore, as such: and may the Holy Spirit, whose influence alone can enable us to direct you aright, also enable you to receive them to your profit!

The year which our present Conference brings under review has been, beyond most of the years of this generation, abundant in elements of interest, social, political, and religious. We are in a crisis of portentous significance, and of most uncertain issues. A thousand important topics connected with the aspects of the times crowd upon our minds. But we must not be diverted from that which is the first subject of our thought and care—the present state and prospects of our own communion.

We entered upon the year with the refreshing anticipation of returning prosperity. The most fearful among us could scarcely doubt any longer that the God who justifieth us was nigh. He is our Witness with what joy we hailed the faintest tokens of His approach, and with what longing we waited for His full and unobstructed blessing upon our whole heritage. Our expectations have not been cut off. The wasted congregations are in the

course of being restored to our ministry; marked revivals of religion have taken place in various parts of the land; the life of true godliness has been acquiring new strength in many of our Societies; and the spirit of faith in God has been invigorated in the heart of our people.

But amid these confident hopes an apprehension arose, that the coming year might not exhibit any increase in our numbers. We were not unaware of those subtle and indirect influences of agitation which, like the heavings of the ocean, continue after the storm has ceased. We were prepared for that impoverished state of religious feeling which public excitement never fails to produce; and we had, at the same time, every reason to expect a continuance of the emigration which, while it has, for some years, carried multitudes bearing the true riches to distant lands, has also diminished our numbers at home. Weighing all these things, we had little reason to anticipate increase: scarcely could we hope, indeed, that the years of our decrease had ended. Our fears, as well as our hopes, were well founded. Our numbers have again declined; and we have cause in this respect to mourn together.

This fact has humbled us before God. We have laid the matter before Him, and carried to Him a more sad complaint than we could pour into mortal ears. But we are too firmly grounded upon our principles, and have been cheered by too many tokens of the Divine presence and benediction, to use any other language than that of confidence and encouragement. The grounds of our assurance will sustain any trial that can be applied to them. We have the unadulterated word of God in our hands; and are conscious, as a body of its Preachers, that we handle it not deceitfully. Our commission to preach it, and to win sinners to Christ, has never been cancelled by Him, however contradicted by man. We have the same promises that sustained our fathers. We have the remembrance of the great triumphs of God's truth as preached, even by ourselves, in this generation. Its energy is unimpaired, and we wait in calm and earnest confidence for *our ancient tokens*. We expect them with the longing of those who wait for the morning; for, our souls' absorbing desire is to see our agency making full proof of its efficiency upon the masses of iniquity around us. But we wait in the full assurance of faith that we shall see this soon. The night of our discouragement is fast wearing away: no power in earth or hell can check the advance of the morning. We exhort you not to fail or be disheartened. It was at the moment of their greatest perplexity that the God of Israel commanded His people to *go forward*. We believe that to be God's message from this Conference to you. That evil which has been at work is passing out of the way: a glorious reaction awaits our long-dispirited congregations.

But it is not for the *future* only that we have hope: the *present*

also gives us encouragement. Every department of our work having been strictly and anxiously investigated, the result surpasses all our hopes. The evidence of the blessing of God upon all our institutions, during the past year, has been most manifest; and the seal of His sanction has been set upon them for the year to come. To that blessing we cannot but refer the prosperity of the Missionary Society. It is this which allies us most intimately with the Redeemer's loftiest designs; and it is a token of vitality, to which we point with triumph and thankfulness,—that this Society was never performing His will with more efficient zeal than now. While we ascribe the glory of this to the Lord of the great harvest, who will never disown a people that so steadily keeps His own great end in view, we cannot forbear from thanking our people in His name, whose liberality, however inadequate to the demands of the unevangelized world, has been so abundant during the last year. God has given us our reward in the increase of our foreign churches, and in our being enabled to mature a plan for the creation of another Conference, independent, though affiliated, in Australasia. Thus another centre of Methodism will be established, from which endless blessings may radiate to every population of that part of the world. The union of the Missions in Eastern Canada with the Canadian Conference, a measure eminently calculated to improve their efficiency, is, moreover, cause of sincere congratulation. The increased efficiency of our Educational department, also, has been matter of unfeigned thankfulness. The high character which the Normal Training Institution at Westminster has already acquired, the additional Schools which have been built during the past year, the increased number of Teachers, grounded in piety as well as in knowledge, who have been sent forth,—as well as the proofs of growing zeal on behalf of the cause of education,—are signs, in which all honest hearts exult, of life not languishing but renewed from on high. The same assurance we gather from the cordial response from all quarters to the appeal which has been made for the relief of our other home-institutions. What was matter of deep anxiety, is now turned into occasion of rejoicing; since it has given birth to one of the noblest and most self-denying efforts which we as a people ever put forth. We know how much your minds have been depressed through the encumbrances upon our chapels, and other financial difficulties. But you will be thankful for the assurance that effectual assistance is at hand.

Time would fail us to enumerate all the departments of our work, and to dwell upon all the signs of prosperity which they more or less exhibit. Suffice it to say, that not one of them has lost the sanction of God, or the confidence of our people. We recommend them, all and each, to your continued regard and support. They are your own institutions; and, as far as one may

glory in anything upon earth, they are your glory. That they prosper as they do, is in great part due, under God, to your own persevering devotedness to them. We exhort you, each and all, to become closely acquainted, for your own sake, as well as for the cause of God, with their details; and to distribute your zealous aid over every individual branch of our general work. Every one of us is bound to each of them by ties of most sacred obligation, which no rude attack may break asunder. All our religious institutions and charities demand, deserve, and will repay, the hearty aid of every man among us according to his ability.

This appeal derives an affecting force from the gradual passing away of those servants of God with whose labours the origin, and early struggles, and successes of these institutions are so closely connected. One of them is taken from us this year, whose whole life was devoted to their interests, and whose death bequeaths them anew to our care. The name of ROBERT NEWTON has been, through the greater part of this century, dear to the whole body of Wesleyan Methodists throughout the world. It has long been a symbol of the zeal and labour of the Wesleyan Body. It is no longer the name of a living man,—our brother, our father, our evangelist, a general messenger of our churches, living in the warm hearts of half a million of Christians. It is now sanctified in death, and enshrined in glory. It is not our purpose to speak of the life of this great and good man. Its best record, as far as this generation is concerned, is in the affectionate remembrance of our whole people: its permanent record will be secured elsewhere. But from this Conference, the first which has mourned his absence, we cannot forbear to express our condolence with you in a loss which is common to us all. We weep for him, however, as though we wept not; for his death has been to us precious, as confirming and sealing that long series of blessings which he has been the instrument of imparting to us through his protracted career. A life of unwearied singleness of aim, simplicity of purpose, and persevering consecration of body and soul to the cause of Christ, which has already enrolled ROBERT NEWTON among the highest names that ever served Christianity, has at length closed in a manner consistent with such a course. Let his dying testimony to Methodism, uttered in the same breath with which he commended his soul to Christ, be inscribed on all our hearts.

Thirty-four other Ministers, some of them aged and highly honoured in our work, have entered into rest. But we have the consolation, which we have had from the beginning,—*God Himself does not leave us*. This assurance is peculiarly important to us at the present crisis, both for our encouragement and our defence. If the Head of the church did not preside over our annual assembly, we should fail under the pressure of this great work. But His presence has been very signally with this Conference.

Its deliberations have been guided by His Spirit, and conducted with entire unanimity. We have been of one heart and of one mind. We are profoundly thankful for these tokens of God's favour, and you will share our gratitude. At the present crisis, this fact has a special significance. It is such comfort as Moses, oppressed with the care of so great a people, found in the Divine assurance,—“My presence shall go with thee.” Such was the consolation with which Elijah returned by the way of Damascus, when he had beheld the symbols of the Divine Presence in the wilderness, had been quickened by the Divine touch, fed with Divine food, and, amid glorious exhibitions of the attributes of God, had received his commission anew. Returning from the presence of our King in Zion, we shall enter upon the labours of another year, confident before man, because owned of God.

And what will be, what shall be, the character of the coming year? This is a question which we approach with deep interest. It occupied our most prayerful thought during one of the most important sittings of our present Conference; and the influence of our searching and solemn conversation at that time will not soon pass away from our minds. The persuasion is strong among us, that it will be a prosperous year. We believe that God's work will revive; that those evils which have depressed our people will be removed; that we shall rise above all that has crippled our energies and impaired our efficiency; and that the result of our labours, under the mighty influence of the Holy Ghost, will be, that “the children which we shall have after we have lost the other, shall say again in our ears, The place is too strait: give room, that we may dwell.”

Our confidence, in thus speaking, is based upon the assurance that we address a people who are ready to join us in a united and vigorous use of all the means which secure prosperity. We know that you will respond to our appeal, when we implore you to unite with us in a solemn act of self-consecration to God and His service. This is the fundamental condition of His blessing. If we are to show forth to this generation the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into marvellous light, we must approve ourselves “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people.” “**HOLINESS TO THE LORD**” must be the central, ruling, all-pervading law of our whole economy. Let us all unite in dedicating every department, every agency, every function, to the service and use of our great Master. If the badge of holiness has become more or less obliterated in any part of the furniture of our holy and beautiful house, let it be the desire and determination of our hearts to re-engrave it. Then shall we be fruitful in every good word and work. But let not this be a vague and barren generality. The whole church can be sanctified only by the personal sanctification of all its members. Let every man

that feareth God among us, receive this from God as a direct summons to unite in a general act of consecration. And let the approaching fast-day be a day of universal, personal humiliation before God, and of such mighty intercession as will avail with Him.

But, although our general sanctity and usefulness so much depend upon personal consecration to God, it must not be forgotten, that one great secret of our strength is our union as a body of people. The importance of a compact, organized co-operation in the work of Christianity, needs no proof in the present age. But precisely on this account, because it is a truth so familiarly accepted, it needs enforcement. Remember, brethren, that whatever we have been able, during a century past, to do for Christ, has been done in fellowship, and not in isolation. The most useful men among us have been those who have most warmly espoused *the common cause*. We are firmly persuaded that we have never been more successful in the work of the Lord, than when what we may call *the old Methodist feeling* has run high among us. We are confident of a response from ten thousand warm hearts, when we make yet another appeal, and summon all who love Wesleyan Methodism to give to it anew their whole and undivided affections.

It is not improbable that these words may reach the ears of some who may be half-disposed to reject them,—who have allowed an evil influence to enter their souls, and weaken their attachment to the work of God. Some there are over whom we constantly mourn, though we have kept silence concerning them; whose hands, once actively employed, now hang down; whose knees have become feeble; who have yielded themselves up to a spirit of apathetic carelessness, for which they dare not attempt to justify themselves now, and will find it still harder to justify themselves hereafter. They are not among those who openly oppose us, and who pour upon us all the vials of their unrighteous wrath, while they cry, “We offend not, because they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice, even the Lord, the hope of their fathers;” but they coldly and suspiciously keep aloof. We implore all these—by the love which we long to show them, by the mercies which they have received from God through Methodism, by the memory of that long line of apostolic men whom we all hold so dear, and, above all, by the name of Him whom these men preached—to cast away their apathy, and to arise with us to the work of the Lord.

And how awful is that work in the present age! It is impossible for us adequately to realize it in all its gigantic proportions, or to embrace in one view all its endless variety of aspects. We ought, however, to accustom ourselves to contemplate the characteristics of the iniquity of the age; for they are, to a considerable extent,

the measure and the argument of our duty. Our mission is to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land; and, in order thereto, to fight with spiritual weapons against every form of evil that infests society. The loftier and the more comprehensive our view of this work is, the more fervent and pure will be our zeal; the less accessible shall we be to countless distractions. But we may reduce them all to their elementary principles. Whatever new developments of the sins of the flesh and the spirit may be put forth in our age, they all spring from the same unrenewed heart which the Gospel is sent to correct. This is the source of all the ever-varying abominations of atheism, infidelity, sensuality, and idolatry, which make us sometimes stand aghast at the resources of Satan. The one cure is appointed for them all. Let us give all diligence to apply it. We shall still be among you *Preachers of the Gospel*. For we leave this Conference with no new specific for the evils of the age. All kinds of inventions abound, professing to adapt Christianity to the exigencies of the nineteenth century. But we have no confidence in the crude devices of a restless generation, and we have devised nothing new to carry down to our people. We shall still labour to bring sinners to repentance, to urge upon them the importance of joining the society of those who hold fellowship for the purpose of promoting their souls' well-being. We have not found, nor shall we ever find, any institution that will better serve the cause of Christ than our Class-Meetings. We rather hope, by your help, to infuse new energy into old organizations. *By your help*, we say. Every one of you must be a fellow-helper; for every one of you has a calling to promote the work of God. We are bent upon reviving and sustaining the Home-Missionary spirit of Methodism. Many parts of our land, in the midst of which we have laboured, show but scanty fruit of the labours of a century. Help us, brethren, to send forth labourers. Help us to re-organize prayer-meetings in neglected places. Help us to penetrate the neglected masses of the heathenish population of our large cities. And may God help us all, not only to enter into the labours of our fathers, but to open new fields of labour for our successors. God is renewing the Missionary youth of our body. Let us not thwart His designs.

There are some evils casting their shadow upon our times, against which we must maintain a firm and united protest; not only from our pulpits, but by our personal influence and efforts, by our prayers, and by throwing our energy, when called upon, into organizations established independently of ourselves. For many years past, two rival and equally formidable dangers have been threatening the faith of these lands,—Romanism and Infidelity, with all the shades of opinion that gather round each. Against the former, our fidelity to the simple Gospel, and our

patriotism, alike, must ever protest ; and it is our bounden duty to be ready to engage our own tried strength in any well-concerted scheme of resistance or attack that may ask our aid. Against that other most monstrous delusion,—which disguises itself under a thousand names, but cannot under any of them hide its own infidel shame,—our only defence is the inspired word of God. Both these great forms of error, indeed, are to be resisted solely by the stern maintenance of the *full inspiration and authority* of the holy Scriptures.—We are constantly in the habit of urging upon you the sacred claims of the Lord's day. We now urge them with more than usual emphasis. In addition to the outrages upon its sanctity which we have been deploring for many years, we have reason to fear that new and yet more deadly attacks upon it are projected. You already know how much reason there is to fear that the Crystal Palace may be perverted from its wholesome uses, as a means of elevating the tastes and enlarging the knowledge of the masses, into a centre of wholesale profanation. A party in the Legislature has shown signs of a disposition to compromise the dignity of the Christian Sabbath in other respects, of which it is likely you will hear more. Be prepared to join us in a firm defence of this, and every other endangered principle. We know our strength as a people, and so do the enemies of righteousness. We have our vigilant watchmen. And if during the year we have occasion to appeal to you, we know that we shall have a compact, firm, and resolute band to rise with us in the maintenance of that which is right.

But let us not forget, dear brethren, that another essential element of our strength has ever been an unimpeachable integrity. You cannot more effectually serve the cause of Christ, than by exhibiting, before a generation which never watched you more attentively than now, the complete character of a godly people. Vindicate the outraged laws of God by strictly keeping them. Let the whole world see that you are not degenerate descendants of a people who were a proverb of godliness and love. Be jealous for your forefathers' honour. Give us reason to rejoice in being the Pastors of a Christ-like people. Protest against all the enormities of the age, by exhibiting the glorious contrast of a vital and practical Christianity. Defend the honour of the Triune God, blessed for ever, by showing the profoundest reverence for His name and worship and ordinances. Take care lest the scoffers against religion should encourage themselves in their iniquity by alleging any neglect, on your part, of the honour due to His name ; by quoting your irreverent, careless attendance upon His worship, your entire postponement of His service during the week to the claims of business, your neglect of the Lord's Supper and other means of Christian communion, your indifference to meetings for prayer, your lax observance of the Lord's day, or your failure

in any respect to meet the high requirements of the Christian law. Rebuke those who run to any excess of riot and intemperance and sensuality, by the utmost sobriety in your own enjoyments, and by such strict self-restraint as would rather err on the side of rigour than on that of laxity. Maintain family religion by ordering your households aright, so that if the most secret arrangements of your family, its reading, its conversation, its amusements, its social gatherings, were exposed to the world, you need not be ashamed of your position as its head. Protest against the irreligious literature of the age, by renouncing it yourselves, and by planting a rigorous inquisition at your gates, as to what books enter there. If we all refrained from these writers, their writings would be much discouraged. If we were all as careful as we should be, to read and recommend our own carefully-prepared and godly literature, it would be well for our own minds and hearts, and a great service to the cause of truth.

We can never be too exact in our discipline of godliness. But at the solemn period which has now arrived, *what manner of persons ought we to be!* Our nation is engaged in a war which may be long protracted, and the issues of which are only known to the all-wise God. Be it longer or shorter, it will be in many respects a trial of us all. Though righteous in itself, and having, as we trust, the sanction of the Almighty, it cannot fail to be replete with temptations to sin. Not that religion in general, or Methodism in particular, requires any suppression of patriotic feeling, or of sympathy with outraged weakness. But the sacrifices to which many of us may be subjected, the temptations to excitement and inordinate political partisanship to which *all* will be exposed, will require our most earnest prayer and watchfulness. Let not this war lead any one of us to sacrifice his religion to his patriotism. It may be the will of God, dear brethren, to visit our sinful land with another of His plagues, and spread pestilence among us. Be prepared for all that a gracious Father may send, and be ready to give every proof of perfect brotherly love in the time of general need.

Finally, brethren, our highest incentive to holiness is the debt we owe to our ever-blessed Master. Love to Him is the bond of perfectness—the fulfilment of the law. He desires, He prays for, He requires our holiness. While we aspire to the loftiest standard of religion, from the prompting of a renewed nature that loves the law, *thinking* on whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure,—and while we strive to do all that is lovely and praiseworthy and of good report before men, for the honour of our profession,—let us ever remember that word which, spoken in the midst of His first disciples, and in prospect of the cross, will for ever remain the

sovereign argument and appeal, "IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN FARRAR, *President*,
JOHN HANNAH, D.D., *Secretary*.

Birmingham, August 11th, 1854.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE
TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

ASSEMBLED in our Annual Conference, we gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of giving expression to our unabated and unaltered affection towards you. The continued assurances of your kindly regard and sympathy are not the least amongst those privileges which we most highly esteem and cherish. Your re-iterated declarations of your oneness with us, and the practical manifestations of your Christian love, cheer us in trials, strengthen us in toils, and urge us to unwearied and increasing diligence in the performance of our duties.

We feel more than ever called upon to set before us the importance which attaches to the well-being and progress of Wesleyan Methodism, as raised up and preserved by the Great Head of the church, in this land of spiritual darkness. The ever new and varying phases of human opinion, and of social and political development, which time in its onward course exhibits, serve only to deepen and stablish the conviction that the position which we thus occupy is one from which we may not be induced to swerve, and from which we must never suffer ourselves to be driven. As a church witnessing for Christ, our duty is imperative, our course is clear and well-defined. We are solemnly committed to the high and holy task of holding forth the word of life to immortal men, redeemed, but perishing for lack of knowledge. The glory of the Son of God, by whom and for whom all things were created, constitutes our great motive to exertion. The love of Christ constraineth us. In the name of the Lord we have set up our banners. Marshalled under a Leader so glorious, inspired with an influence so sublime and mighty, actuated by a motive so grand and enduring, and aiming at an end so momentous, we feel that we must not falter. Called of God to the work in which we are engaged, and sustained by those warrants which Christ Himself has set forth as the authenticating proofs of His true Ministers, and beside and beyond which an Apostle desired nought, we can disregard the opposition of the slaves of ignorance and superstition, and the unscriptural assumptions of those who pretend to

be exclusively privileged to exercise the functions of the Christian ministry.

We would not, however, rest in these convictions of what our true position and duty are. More than ever are we urged to remember the inquiry of the Apostle, "Who then is sufficient for these things?" More deeply than ever do we feel that, without the Spirit's influence, in vain a Paul may plant, and an Apollos water. We recognise distinctly the great truth declared in Scripture, and demonstrated in the history of the church,— "Not by might, nor by power; but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Thus persuaded, we would seek in earnest prayer for those gracious and hallowing influences of the Holy Spirit, with which, baptized and imbued, ours shall be a greater spirituality of mind, more earnest devotedness to God, and a more intense zeal for the salvation of sinners. Never was there more needed in the church a realization of the mind which was in Christ, and a faithful following after that example which He has left us. May it be ours to have exalted views of our position and responsibility, only that it may be ours to imitate the zeal of Apostles, and to be instruments of blessing and of good to our fellow-men.

The important subject of Education continues to occupy our earnest attention. The agitation of the question of National Education in this country, and the attention latterly given to it by the Imperial Parliament, have induced the Conference to appoint a Committee to watch over, and, if necessary, represent to the Legislature, our own interests and claims.

We have still to lament being compelled to report declension in the number of our church-members. Emigration continues to bear away to distant lands the fruit of our prayers and efforts. In many places where we once had large and flourishing Societies, we have now scarcely any left; and the prospect which we had, that through their piety and influence, and the blessing of Heaven on our efforts, our cause would be promoted and extended in these neighbourhoods, has, of course, for the present, become less promising. But, compared with preceding years, the decrease thus caused is small; while in a greater number of Circuits than at any time during the last ten years, we have an increase. And, regarding the state of our Societies generally,—the devotion to God, and loyalty to His cause,—the increasing spirituality, and advancing zeal, and holier decision which characterize our people,—we are very hopeful that soon we shall witness better days than ever. Methodism has yet a great work to accomplish in this land; and already we recognise, amidst much that is depressing, much that is encouraging.

We rejoice to hope that you, also, are rising above the peculiar and distressing difficulties with which you have had to contend. Our prayer and trust are, that soon the waters of strife which have

raged around the ark of your Zion, and which in some degree have abated, shall be dried up from off all the face of the land; when, free from those who have troubled you, you shall have peace in all your borders, and shall enjoy, in united faith and charity, the blessing and the smile of God; when "the Spirit shall be poured upon you from on high," and you shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places. "The Lord will bless His people with peace."

We are called to mourn with you over the loss, by death, of one whose name is enshrined in our hearts' deepest affection, and for whose memory, associated with recollections of the untiring interest which he manifested in our welfare, we shall never cease to entertain veneration and love. He who so often sat on our platform, affording the counsels of wisdom and experience, and in our pulpits ministered in words of holy and burning eloquence the truth as it is in Jesus, in its simplicity, and majesty, and power,—the gifted Robert Newton,—is no more among us. But he has only gone to that Saviour whom he loved and served during a life devoted and laborious. Of him and his reward we are reminded in the words of inspiration,—“They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”

To the memory of the late Rev. Walter Oke Croggon, also called to enter into rest during the past year, we would render our tribute of unfeigned esteem and love. His kindness in his intercourse with us, and his unwearied diligence and great fidelity in the discharge of the duties of General Superintendent of our Missions and Schools, won our highest regard; and in the spirit of true and Christian friendship we mourn his loss.

Among our own beloved Fathers and Brethren death has been busy. Five have in the course of the year passed from their toil on earth to their reward in heaven; four from the list of Supernumeraries, among whom is the venerable and much-beloved William Stewart; and one from the midst of those in active life, unexpectedly cut down in the vigour and prime of his ministerial work.

But though "God buries His workmen," He "sends forth labourers into His vineyard." Six young men, warmly recommended and promising, have been received on trial as candidates for our ministry; and six others, who have fulfilled their probationary course with acceptance, and have given the fullest satisfaction in their examinations, have been ordained to the pastoral office.

Most gratefully do we acknowledge the advantages which we have received from the presence of our beloved and honoured President. His wisdom and kindness, his ability and prudence, have greatly endeared him to us, and demand our sincere respect.

For his esteemed companions, the Rev. John Scott and John Farrar, we also entertain feelings of Christian regard and affection.

Your Missionary Deputations, consisting of the Rev. Willson Brailsford, Alfred Barrett, John H. James, Edward Nye, and Edward Robinson, were highly acceptable and efficient.

We renew our expression of esteem for the Rev. Samuel Young, the General Superintendent of our Missions and Schools; and we again request his continuance in the office which he sustains with great faithfulness.

As our Representatives this year, we send the Rev. Thomas Waugh, Daniel M'Afee, and Robinson Scott. We have also appointed the Rev. Robert Masaroon, on account of his official connexion with the Annuitant Society and Auxiliary Fund, to accompany them. In these respected Brethren we have the fullest confidence.

And now, relying on the strength which has hitherto upheld us, trusting in the guidance which has hitherto been afforded us, and with earnest and believing prayer imploring the richer blessings of that grace with which we have hitherto been favoured, we go forth to our spheres of duty. We are firmly resolved that it shall be our constant and undivided aim to secure abundantly the influences of the Holy Spirit, to preach more simply and faithfully the word of life, and to labour with renewed diligence to save our own souls, and the souls of those to whom we minister; that we may glorify God, and "be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless," surrounded by those who shall be our "crown of rejoicing" in the day of Jesus Christ.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 1st, 1854.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

YOUR Annual Letter was read and listened to in our Conference with the respect and attention which are justly due to any communication from a body of fellow-labourers, so devoted, self-denying, and estimable as our Irish Brethren. And now, in this epistolary form, we once more extend to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the right hand of fellowship. We thankfully acknowledge the scriptural authority and truth of those great principles by which you are resolved to abide, and the influence of which you combine to promulgate. These principles are ours, and in a changing age unchangeably ours; tried by a thousand tests,

made to pass through a thousand fires, sanctified by innumerable proofs of the favour and blessing of God, and made specially dear by the very discouragements which have impeded our efforts to extend them.

Like you, we chiefly live to preach a full, free, and present salvation from sin through penitent faith in the sacrificial blood of Christ. Our conviction is unshaken that the Gospel, thus expounded and applied, is the only relief of individual and social misery; and that to know its sanctifying power, and illustrate its purity, is the great business of human beings in this life. You and we stand mutually pledged to this work, until our Divine Master sign our release; and in the mean time are bound to make provision for its extension in the world, when we ourselves shall be summoned from the field. While we behold the pure truth of the Gospel, in your land, slurred and corrupted by that dominant superstition which has so long brooded over it, to the sorrow and undoing of successive millions; while in ours the same power, in insidious or open form, extends its lures and agencies in opposite but harmonious working with the tendencies of a bold speculation which labours to shake all faith in doctrinal truth of whatever kind; while in both lands we witness among our fellow-countrymen, yea, amongst those who have been trained in scriptural truth, an absorption of mind in the pursuits, competitions, and pleasures of this life, which leaves them no opportunity or desire to secure treasure in heaven; while we see ungodliness adapting itself to the forms and advances of higher civilization; and while we behold with grief a growing disposition among some of our Senators to break down the landmarks of a national Christianity, as that disposition is seen in open and covert attempts to throw open places of dissipation and amusement on the Lord's day;—there is an amount of enmity to Christ and Christ's cause presented to our attention, which is truly appalling. Against all these, a mere nominal Christianity, however fraught with decencies and proprieties, will avail nothing. We have no individual or collective might against this great company. "The battle is the Lord's." And, therefore, while we humbly resolve still to advance against this combined opposition without fainting, and without doubt, it is the same thing, in effect, as resolving that we will live a more serious, prayerful, and holy life; that we will cherish a more intense compassion for the souls of men, and seek for a richer influence of the Spirit upon ourselves, and our ministrations. In the strengthening and sealing of these our mutual pledges, we deem it of the utmost importance that we should maintain that system of interchange of Brethren, in official visits, which has hitherto yielded such good fruits. We are glad that so many of ourselves have the opportunity of forming just opinions of your labours and difficulties by being sent on your Missionary

Deputations; and we are glad that through the reciprocation, on your part, of this service, you can judge respecting our own; to say nothing of the influence of such seasons of mingled anxiety and joy as the present.

We receive with hearty confidence and affection your Representatives, the Rev. Thomas Waugh, the Rev. Daniel M'Afee, the Rev. Robinson Scott, and, for a special purpose, the Rev. Robert Masaroon. On behalf of our venerated friend, the Rev. Thomas Waugh, especially, we congratulate you; and give God devout thanks, that he has been so far restored from the effects of a distressing accident, which had well-nigh proved fatal, that he has been permitted to appear in our midst, and take part in our proceedings, once more. The preservation of a life so valuable we take to be a common blessing and privilege. We confide to your acceptance and regard, at your next Conference, our highly-esteemed Brethren, the Rev. John Farrar, President, the Rev. John Lomas, Ex-President, and the Rev. John Scott.

We have arranged, also, that the following Brethren shall attend as the Deputations from the Missionary Society:—For the North, the Rev. William H. Rule, and the Rev. Henry H. Chettle; for the South, the Rev. Charles Prest, and the Rev. George Scott, 1st; and for the West, the Rev. Thomas Vasey.

These Brethren, too, we shall commend to the confidence and good-will of your people, trusting that they will be favoured with the presence and blessing of the Head of the church at your Annual Meetings.

As loyal subjects of the British Crown, and admirers of just and beneficent legislation, it gives us the liveliest pleasure, dear Brethren, to learn from various sources, that certain recent enactments of the Imperial Legislature are working out very important and hopeful changes of a social kind in your beloved country. We are glad also to hear that, in this new state of things, many members of our Societies here have been induced to settle among you, even amid your rural populations, bearing with them a large amount of Protestant independence and intelligence, combined with true Wesleyan piety and zeal. If we must needs part with our people, we have a particular interest and complacency in commending them to the fellowship of the Irish Societies; and, as the tendency on their part to move in your direction will most likely continue, we hail it as a token for good to your beloved land. We believe, too, that those chastening dispensations of Providence which visited you a few years ago, mysterious and bitter though they were, are now yielding some peaceable fruit of righteousness.

We rejoice to hear that you have appointed a Committee of Education with a view to watch over and represent your interests and claims on that subject. Our hearts yearn over the tens of

thousands of Irish children who are growing up in ignorance and superstition; and, knowing that the National system avails but to a very partial extent to leaven those masses of the youthful population with scriptural truth, our hearts' desire and prayer is, that God may raise up among you some earnest spirits whose hallowed toil in this department may be crowned with great success.

During the sittings of this Conference, and its preceding Committees, our financial difficulties have, as to their nature and extent, been brought more fully to light. This enables us to sympathize the more in regard to your own; which, indeed, we do with fraternal solicitude. Ours have arisen not entirely, nor even chiefly, from the late ungodly strife; but from a variety of causes, operating for years, which were only half-perceived at the time of their working, but were at last, on an occasion of trial, brought to a crisis. Many excellent Brethren here have in consequence been subjected to great discomfort and privation, which they have borne with a patience seldom equalled by any, and never surpassed, except by Brethren among yourselves. We trust, however, that, by the blessing of God on the prudential measures now in course of adoption or operation, the pressure will be lightened in a year or two, and that our great evangelical work will be less impeded by obstacles of this nature. At the same time, when we consider how very many of our beloved people are entrusted with comfortable competency, and even wealth, we must not fail to see that it is part of our common ministerial duty to win them to a noble and Christian liberality; especially in providing for the extension of our ministry in the home-ports of our British Empire. It is a fearful and distressing case that young men, full of love to Christ and the souls of men, are arising up among us, and offering themselves for the work of the ministry, and we cannot employ them, for want of funds. This is literally the case with us this present year.

We have more than usual reason to mourn with you at this time the loss of honoured Brethren by death. We linger with affectionate memory over the names contained in your year's obituary; and we are reminded of our own mortality by a corresponding number in our own record, amongst which is that of the beloved and ever-memorable Robert Newton. When the account of his character and death had been read in the midst of us, a period of solemn and weeping silence ensued for several minutes; and we all felt that this was the fittest mode of expressing our sense of such a loss. But our deceased Fathers and Brethren not only died in Christ, but died in triumph; and our hope is, that, as they were more than conquerors, we may through Him that loved us prove more than conquerors also. In the holding of this glorious hope, and every other pertaining to the Gospel, we beseech you, beloved Brethren, to thank God, and take courage.

If you give yourselves heartily to your hallowed toil, you shall be happy in it, and eternally happy as the consequence of prosecuting it. We trust to hear of you continually as spreading, in catholic and friendly harmony with other Christian bodies, the knowledge and love of Christ throughout your land. When the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of life that fadeth not away.

Both you and we value our polity and discipline, and we in particular have lately suffered much in the defence and upholding of it, and are prepared, if need were, to suffer still more; but we value it only as it conserves and perpetuates a great work of God, —the work of renewing and sanctifying human beings, building them up in faith and holiness. Methodism rears no monuments where it saves no souls. So we would have it. We pray to be kept from all temptations which would entice us away from our original calling. We will humble ourselves before God, and deplore our manifold unfaithfulness; we will confess, in penitence and shame at His feet, our numberless sins and omissions; and own how seldom we have improved, and how often we have slighted and misused, His past gifts and visitations of grace. In this temper and exercise, we call on you, beloved Brethren, to wait with us to be endued with power from on high. Full of faith in God's great instrumentality, the preaching of the Cross, let us go forth to use it, though the world deem it foolishness. Let us earnestly cultivate the best gifts, secure the highest knowledge, and yet speak with simplicity and with authority. Let us earnestly maintain among our Societies the spirit of that actual religious fellowship which is nurtured by their invaluable class-meetings; and, in a time of unexampled bustle, excitement, and speculation, lead them, by our instructions and example, to cherish a thoughtful, deep, and well-principled piety.

There are brighter prospects before us. We have tokens of the Divine presence and approbation which cannot be mistaken; and these cheer us on. We never had a more united or hopeful Conference. The great Mission-field is enlarging every day, and the work grows all the world over. And as regards our home Societies, we are assured that, patient faith and patient labour being conjoined, we shall both be rewarded with ultimate and glorious success in their establishment and increase. Our nation, involved in foreign war, and in the distractions of party strife, needs the doctrinal teaching, evangelical fire, and catholic spirit of primitive Methodism as much as ever. We need it, too, for our own sakes; for the sake of our peace, usefulness, and salvation: and now we are about to separate, with our purposes strengthened to devote the remainder of our lives to this department of our great Master's cause.

We have just heard of the removal by death to his eternal

reward of the venerable William Ferguson, whose apostolical character as an early Methodist Preacher, and long-continued and valuable labours, have especially endeared him to yourselves and your people, and in no small degree to many of our Fathers and Brethren here. This is a loss which you will deeply feel, and which will have to be reviewed more at length at the proper time. While we think of the career of such an honoured man, we are stimulated to follow his high example.

And now, dear Brethren, to the gracious and good keeping of our Lord Jesus Christ we commend you all, to be preserved from sin and from falling, to be prospered in your hallowed labour, and to be enabled to appear before Him with joy in company with the souls He shall graciously have given you. Amen.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING,
JONATHAN CROWTHER, } *Sub-Secretaries.*
WILLIAM BARTON,

Birmingham, August 11th, 1854.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE, TO THE CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

WE sincerely thank you for your highly valued Addresses from year to year, especially the last; and beg to say that the continuation of a paternal practice so primitive and Wesleyan lays us under sacred obligations, by the intelligence your Addresses convey, the counsels they offer, and the affection they express; and our wish is, to participate with you more largely in the knowledge and love of Christ, and in labours more abundant for His honour, that mankind may be saved.

We rejoice to acknowledge the spiritual filial relationship, of which you speak, existing between many of the members of our Church in Canada and yourselves; and pray that the "fearful responsibility" of which you remind us may be fully felt by ourselves, in preserving the piety of persons born of the Spirit, in the land of our fathers, the land of Gospel truth and privilege, of enterprise and munificence, where the throne of our most gracious Sovereign is not only a protection against despotism, but a blessing to the British dominions, to Christendom, and to the world. We rejoice that in your unparalleled trials, which have excited our deepest sympathies, and called forth our most fervent intercessions, you can say, "We have good cause to believe that our beloved

people in general are now more than ever acquainted with, and attached to, our doctrines and discipline, more closely than ever united to each other and to Christ our living Head, and more than ever determined to co-operate with us in our efforts to accomplish the great work to which we are called." We rejoice that the "noble and vigorous effort" made to relieve your several institutions has resulted in remarkable success. We rejoice not only that one "like unto the Son of man" has appeared with you in the "fiery furnace," but that many have seen that God was with you, and have said, "This people shall be my people, and their God my God." We rejoice especially in the maintenance of the Missionary character of British Methodism, and in the present cheering zeal and generosity of the contributors to the parent Wesleyan Missionary Society. We rejoice that your ample plans for spreading Protestant Christianity, and for Methodising the work of God in different parts of the world, are, without exception, successful. The creation of Wesleyan Conferences, as the result of the first labours of our apostolic Founder, reminds us of the simple and affecting declaration of an ancient servant of God: "With my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands." And your "bands" will multiply.

You will, we know, be partakers of our joy, and unite with us in devout thanksgivings to the Father of Mercies, when we inform you, that the benefits of the re-union of our Conferences are becoming more and more diffused among, and are more highly appreciated by, our people; that there is among them a more decided manifestation of purpose to preserve to latest posterity the purity of the Wesleyan faith, and maintain the inviolability of the Wesleyan economy; that during the past year numerous and wide-spread efforts for the enlargement of God's work have been owned in an addition of Circuits, Missions, schools, and labourers, and in an accession of two thousand members to our Church; that we have received twenty-four young men on trial for the ministry, and dedicated by the imposition of hands nineteen acceptable Brethren to this work, leaving, however, a deficiency in the number of labourers now required to meet the demands of our immense field of evangelical action. The youth of our congregations are more sedulously cared for by the Ministry. The importance and utility of our Book-Room are yearly more apparent. Our Circuit and General Funds were never so well supported. The expenditure on our churches and parsonages is more commensurate with the present requirements of the Canadian Church. Victoria College obtains a patronage which has placed within its walls one hundred and fifty students,—fifty more than we had the pleasure of stating to you last year. Many of the students have been converted this year. In connexion with the College, we have made provision for an Annual Collection in all our congrega-

tions, to enable us to give a theological and Wesleyan training to our Preachers on trial, when sent by the Conference to that institution.

The transfer to us of your Missions in Hudson's Bay has greatly enlarged the field of our operations, and furnished a fresh incentive to the generosity of our people at once desirable and opportune; and we are gratified to state that our much-esteemed and experienced Brother, the Rev. John Ryerson, Co-Delegate, has already been sent as our Deputation to Hudson's Bay, accompanied by several respected married Missionaries, for the occupation of the most prominent posts in the territory. They were commended to God at a highly-interesting Valedictory Service in Toronto last month, and are now on their way to the distant north. The income of your Auxiliary Missionary Society in Canada West has reached the unprecedented sum of about £7,300; being an increase of more than £1,700 in the year. And we deem it providential, that the greatest augmentation of the fund has taken place within the five years during which the parent Missionary Committee in England has been most unrighteously opposed and aspersed. "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be His glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory."

But our special acknowledgments are offered to God for the delightful union just formed between the Wesleyan Societies in Eastern Canada, and our Conference in Western Canada, which you so promptly, fully, and cordially sanction in your last Address to us; and with unmingled satisfaction we reiterate your expression of confidence. "We believe that the consummation of this purpose will greatly increase the stability and usefulness of Wesleyan Methodism" in Canada. This Wesleyan Alliance is of God. While the unanimity of sentiment, and the brotherly kindness, which have distinguished the entire negotiations and intercourse of the Eastern Brethren, both ministerial and lay, necessary to such a consummation, have been much admired by us, and have strengthened the holy bonds which make us one brotherhood, we give prominence to our conviction that the happy and important consummation in which we exult is mainly to be attributed to our beloved President and Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. Enoch Wood, deputed by you for the purpose, in his exhibition of sound Wesleyan principles, mature judgment, impartiality, suavity of manner, and indefatigable devotedness to the object; and his reward and our rejoicing now is, the existence of one harmonious Wesleyan family throughout United Canada, whose sphere of activity is unspeakably important for its amplitude, and exhilarating in its prospects. And now "let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work

of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."

Year after year, it has been our grateful duty to bear testimony in our Addresses to the wisdom, ability, piety, and unwearied labours of the Rev. Enoch Wood; and at the close of a year in which he has rendered extraordinary services to our common Methodism in Canada, and more than ever endeared himself to us, we most cordially and unanimously ask his re-appointment to the Presidency of our Conference. The Christian and Wesleyan excellencies of the Rev. John Ryerson, his long-trying and unwavering fidelity to our interests, and especially his present consecration to an arduous and perilous Missionary undertaking as our Deputation to Hudson's Bay, induce us unanimously and earnestly to request his appointment again as the Co-Delegate.

We have with great unanimity appointed our able and judicious Brother, the Rev. Dr. Green, our Representative to the British Conference. He is a Brother beloved, in whom we have full confidence; and, in bearing to you our congratulations and our love, will, we doubt not, as on a former occasion, be received by you with much cordiality and affection.

The proceedings of our present session have been marked with unusual harmony, and with welcome tokens of the Divine presence and approbation. We love each other in the Lord, and have renewed our determination to proclaim His redeeming love every where to our fellow-men. In entering upon the duties of another year, we are humbled by a sense of our unworthiness, and gratified that we again go forth to a people increasingly attached to our doctrines, our discipline, our usages, and our ordinances, and growing in the spirit and fruits of holiness; and that our Church and institutions are sustained with a promptitude and liberality never equalled. We are afresh pledged to Wesleyan truth, to the Wesleyan economy, and to Wesleyan unity. In renewing our vows for a more assiduous prosecution of the paramount work of scriptural holiness, we deeply feel our need of the constant renewing of the Holy Ghost. We would be "sanctified wholly" in body, and soul, and spirit, in public and in private, that the obligations of the glorious mission the Wesleyans are raised up to carry on in the world may be faithfully discharged by us, and the object we, with other branches of the Wesleyan family, contemplate, may be triumphantly and universally accomplished.

We thank you, dear Fathers and Brethren, for your fervent fraternal regards, and earnest prayers in our behalf. The Atlantic is between us; but, to our faith and love, no distance separates us. We implore for you, and the numerous Societies and Congregations within your wide influence, a continuance and increase of hallowed and overwhelming Pentecostal occasions, from which Wesleyan Methodism has already derived so much

advantage and glory; and be assured that our supreme wish is, to be entirely imbued with, and in our labours be impelled by, the Spirit which our Saviour promised, when He said to His disciples, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever." The death of that illustrious Wesleyan Evangelist, the Rev. Doctor Newton, has powerfully affected us in this country; and we more fully see, that while life lasts, our highest duty for the world is, to publish "the glorious Gospel of Christ."

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada,

ISAAC B. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

Belleville, C. W., June 15th, 1854.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE
ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-
METHODIST CHURCH IN WESTERN CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

YOUR truly fraternal Address, presented by the Rev. Dr. Anson Green, the able and beloved Brother who was sent to represent you, was received by us with unmingled satisfaction. We cordially reciprocate your earnest and affectionate greetings, and mark with sacred joy the ardent and sympathizing spirit, with which you identify yourselves with us, in our efforts to maintain and propagate the pure doctrines of Christianity, and to fill the world with truth and righteousness. We greatly rejoice in the growing influence of your Church, and magnify the goodness and grace of Almighty God, in affording you such opportunities of extensive usefulness, and giving you the means, to such an extent as your communications disclose, of making use of them. In observing the unity, steadfastness, zeal, and evident power of your ministry, we see that the hand of the Lord has been with you; and we earnestly pray that He may still more abundantly impart unto you the unction of the Holy Ghost, which is the true source of ministerial strength, and that, in consequence, the word of the Lord may run yet more swiftly through your whole population, and be glorified.

The efforts which you are making to provide for the intellectual and moral culture of the rising generation of your great colony, show that you understand your position and responsibility, both with respect to your own Communion and general society; and the success with which your endeavours are already crowned, indicates that God is prospering the work of your hands. We hold that

when a religious revival has diffused, and is still diffusing, its hallowing influences over a people, the next care of the Church is, to provide especially for the training and culture of its own children; else, all the interests of Christianity are not provided for. Your noble firmness in maintaining unimpaired the discipline of our body—a discipline which originated in the leadings of Divine Providence, and was compacted and sustained as truly scriptural by our Fathers, and has been so long honoured by the blessing of God—excites our highest admiration. We especially rejoice in the determined stand made by you for the maintenance of Class-Meetings, an institution of essential value; and which can only be slighted, when mutual prayer and spiritual converse among professors have lost their charm, and vital piety is on the wane. We have confidence in the integrity of your Wesleyan principles: we believe you will “not mend our rules, but keep them;” and that you will transmit our salutary forms of church-order, in all their strength and simplicity, to succeeding generations.

The promptitude, ability, and cordiality, with which the plan proposed by our Missionary Committee, for the union of the Eastern Canada District with your Conference, has been, by the co-operation of Ministers and laymen, carried out, shows that there exists among you a truly enlightened and Christian spirit, which we believe is the presage of increasing peace and prosperity in your Church.

The arrangements which you have made for sending to the Indian tribes of the Hudson's-Bay Territory a suitable supply of Ministers, who will preach to them the everlasting Gospel, and bring those wandering sheep into the fold of Christ, appear to us to be most excellent; and we doubt not that the truly devoted men who are now engaged in that work, will fulfil their mission with zeal and fidelity; and that, as they are honouring their Divine Master by a life of sacrifice and labour, He will graciously honour them by vouchsafing to them a rich harvest of souls. Our hearts have been greatly comforted by the glad tidings which have been brought to us by your excellent Representative: we have listened with deep interest to his most lucid statements, the expansion of his comprehensive views, and his practical suggestions, while laying before us the present growing condition and aggressive purposes of your Church; and we assure you that a Deputation like the present from yourselves will at all times be received by us with very great pleasure; and we will use all the means in our power to assist you to spread, throughout your great country, the institutions and blessings of a truly catholic Christianity.

You will be glad to learn that we have now peace in all our borders; that our beloved people generally are praying for and

expecting a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and that we have good reason to believe that our prayers will be answered, and our expectations realized. Surely "the time to favour Zion, yea, the set time, is come; for her children take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof."—"For Zion's sake we will not hold our peace, and for Jerusalem's sake we will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." We still have a deep conviction that our own country, and various other nations of the earth, need as much as ever our evangelical labours. We see that superstitions the most absurd and debasing, customs the most cruel, and impostures the most revolting and withering to the soul, still hold their sway among our fellow-men. We see that those carnal lusts whence come wars and fightings, with their fearful train of evils, are even now operating with deadly virulence, and that it behoves us as Ministers of Christ to put forth all our energies in the great work of extending the peaceful reign of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are endeavouring to mark the characters and signs of the age in which we live, and to adapt our agencies and efforts accordingly; and we hope, as a Christian communion on this side the Atlantic, to take our part among the agencies of that great moral revolution, which will eventually emancipate the world from the thralldom of error and sin, and bring its nations under the yoke of Christ, and supply them with the knowledge of His glory.

Often as we have had to speak, in past days, of unanimity and brotherly affection in our annual assembly, we are bound specially to confess, to God's glory, that our Conference this year has been one of extraordinary unity both of mind and heart. In the resolution of difficult questions, wisdom from above, we trust, has been given us: in our solemnities of public examination and ordination of Ministers, much Divine unction and power have rested. In the exercises of spiritual conversation, mutual confession of sin, and special prayer, we have bowed together at the mercy-seat; and there we have renewed our sacred pledges to each other and to our great work. Our institutions are in a promising condition, our financial difficulties are in process of adjustment, we have increased confidence in our principles; and in fresh trust and hope, and in humble reliance in the great covenanted promise of our Master, we go forth to the hallowed toil which He has assigned us. We know that we shall reap, if we faint not.

We are glad to hear, dear Brethren, of the high estimation in which you still hold the character and labours of the Rev. Enoch Wood, and the Rev. John Ryerson; and cordially agree to your request for their re-appointment to their respective

offices as President and Co-Delegate for the ensuing year. And we particularly recommend that, as the Rev. John Ryerson will be probably occupied in the Hudson's-Bay Territory for a period so long as to interfere with the discharge of all his official duties, these duties may, in his absence, be fulfilled by the Rev. Dr. Green.

And now, beloved Brethren, we commit you to the care of Almighty God. Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. Upon all the dwelling-places of Zion may the Lord of Hosts create a glory, and upon all may that glory be a defence.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

JOHN FARRAR, *President*,
JOHN HANNAH, D.D., *Secretary*.

Birmingham, August 11th, 1854.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF AMERICA TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

REVEREND AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

"GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Your "Answer to the Address of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America," dated August 10th, 1853, signed by the President and Secretary of your Conference, was not received by Bishop Waugh, (the senior Superintendent of our Church,) until the 29th of May, 1854. This delay is to us inexplicable; as is also the failure of the General Conference of 1852 to receive your fraternal Address, dated August 12th, 1849. These occurrences are, by us, most deeply regretted. It is our clear conviction that, had your Address of 1849 been received by the General Conference of 1852, that body would have appointed a Delegate to represent them at your Conference, and to reciprocate your favour in sending to us your able and beloved Representative, the Rev. Dr. Dixon, in 1848. But not receiving your Address, after due deliberation, they judged it inexpedient to appoint such a Delegate. Still, wishing to do all they could with propriety to maintain fraternal intercourse with their Wesleyan Brethren in England, the General Conference passed the following Resolution:—

"Resolved,—That the Bishops be requested to select a Messenger to visit the British Conference, at farthest in 1853, if they shall judge it expedient."

The Board of Bishops met in December, 1853. Up to that period your Address of 1849 had not come to our notice. The Bishops, therefore, passed the following resolution:—

“Resolved,—That as this Board has no other information on the subject than that which was before the General Conference, it is inexpedient for us to appoint a Messenger to the British Conference.”

Your very affectionate and explanatory letter of August 10th, 1853, recently received, has removed all embarrassments from the subject. Did the Bishops understand that their instructions authorized them to appoint a Messenger at this date, and could the Board be convened early enough to appoint a Messenger in time to meet you at the approaching session of your Conference, it would give us great pleasure to do so. But this is impracticable; for, waiving the question of authority, it is now the season for holding the sessions of our Annual Conferences, we are separated hundreds of miles from each other, and our official duties are so imperative, that we cannot consistently leave them. The utmost our circumstances permit us to do, is, for the senior member of our Board to prepare a letter, acknowledging the receipt of your favour of August 10th, 1853,—stating the action of the late General Conference, and of the Board of Bishops, on the subject of fraternal intercourse with our British Brethren, and the reasons for the same,—expressing the earnest desire of ourselves and the Church, of which we are the General Superintendents, to maintain such intercourse; to obtain by mail the concurrence and signatures of his colleagues; and to forward the document to your Reverend Body. As this is the best our other obligations permit us to do, we trust it will be satisfactory to our British Brethren.

The facts herein narrated clearly show, that the circumstances which have, for a time, embarrassed the fraternal intercourse of the two great branches of the Wesleyan Family, have been incidental, and not intentional. We apprehend, therefore, that all restraint upon the most free and cordial interchange of Christian salutations and fraternal sympathies, and sentiments, and offices, both by letters and by Representatives, is, for ever, removed.

We can assure your Reverend Body, that the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, both in its ministry and laity, cherishes most ardently and reverently what was probably the last counsel given her by her venerated Founder. This counsel is contained in a letter from the Rev. John Wesley to the Rev. Ezekiel Cooper, and is dated, “Near London, February 1st, 1791,” only about a month previous to his death, and is in these words:—“See that you never give place to one thought of separating from your Brethren in Europe.

Lose no opportunity of declaring to all men, that the Methodists are one people in all the world; and that it is their full determination so to continue,—

‘Though mountains rise and oceans roll
To sever us in vain.’”

This fervent love towards you, deeply interests us in whatever concerns your welfare as an Evangelical Church and Ministry. We, therefore, hope for the great pleasure of welcoming to our next General Conference, which commences its session on the first day of May, 1856, a Representative from your Reverend Body, that we may thus be furnished with the latest and most authoritative information respecting your prosperity, and your plans and prospects of future usefulness.

We most earnestly invite such an appointment, as we believe it will be very highly appreciated by our whole Connexion here, and, we trust, be profitable both to us and you.

Allow us to express our deep sympathy with you in the great bereavement you have sustained as a Conference, in the recent death of the Rev. Dr. Newton. Having been blessed with his presence and ministry among us in this country, we are the more deeply affected by this Divine dispensation. Dr. Newton was a workman that needed not to be ashamed. He made full proof of his ministry. Like his blessed Master, he went about doing good. His ministerial activity was eminently worthy of imitation. In this common and afflictive bereavement, we have great cause for thankfulness, that he was spared to the Church so long, and that the circumstances of his death were so merciful. May this solemn event be sanctified unto us all.

It is with devout thankfulness that we inform you, that, as a Church, we are still greatly favoured of the Lord. All our interests are more or less prosperous. God is adding to our numbers, and, we trust, to our strength, and permanency, and purity, and usefulness. In the Missionary department, which, perhaps, most truly indicates the efficiency and prosperity of a Church, we are enlarging our operations and extending our influences. This is especially true in relation to our Missions to the emigrants from Europe to this country. In our labours for their salvation, God has given us most signal success.

In the Sabbath-School cause we are multiplying our agencies and efforts, and God is multiplying our successes. We are, also, increasing the number and usefulness of our Literary Institutions. Indeed, notwithstanding our great unworthiness and unprofitableness, through infinite benignity, we have in all our borders, and upon all our interests, the evidences of the Divine favour and blessing.

May our gratitude and fidelity correspond with our obligations!

Praying that you, and the Church of which the Holy Ghost has made you the Pastors, may be enriched with all blessings now and for ever,

We are, Reverend and very dear Brethren,

Yours in the fellowship of Christian love and ministerial services,

(Signed,)

BEVERLY WAUGH,
THOMAS A. MORRIS,
EDMUND S. JANES,
LEVI SCOTT,
MATTHEW SIMPSON,
OSMON C. BAKER,
EDWARD R. AMES,

Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

New-York, June, 1854.

P.S. Permit us to suggest, that official documents intended for us, or for the General Conference, if directed to, The Senior Bishop of the M. E. Church, 200, Mulberry-Street, New-York, U. S. A., will be most likely to duly reach their destination.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE
LETTER OF THE BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPIS-
COPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

REVEREND AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

It is with regret that we learn from your letter, dated June last, the occurrence of another of those delays by which our fraternal intercourse has of late years been embarrassed. Our last Address was duly forwarded, and we are unable to ascertain the reason of its late delivery to the authorities of your Church. We anticipate with hope more regular communication with you, and the opportunity which, we trust, will be afforded us, at our next annual session, of confirming our friendly relations by sending to your General Conference in 1856 a Representative in the person of one of our Brethren.

We are greatly gratified to find that your confidence in us has not been shaken by circumstances somewhat perplexing and discouraging; and that, in the exercise of the Christian charity which "hopeth all things" and "believeth all things," you have made another earnest endeavour to express to us your undiminished affection. Most heartily do we reciprocate your kindly feelings, and re-echo the sentiments of our revered Founder cited in your letter. It is still true, (blessed be God!) that the Methodists throughout the world are one family. May it never be otherwise to the end of time.

We have for some years past marked with deep interest the peculiar features of the work of God among you, and have greatly rejoiced to hear of its prosperity. For a long time, in addition to your ordinary ministrations among your settled populations, you have been called to labour for the evangelization of the mixed multitudes who, in the Providence of God, have been cast upon your shores,—a work beset with many difficulties, and requiring extraordinary zeal, wisdom, and patience. But, by the blessing of God, these difficulties have been surmounted; and, through your instrumentality, the preaching of the Gospel has not only kept pace with the rapid increase of population, but has also signally triumphed amidst all the inconveniences and hardships incident to new settlements. We notice, with especial gratitude to God, your successful labours in Oregon, California, and the recently acquired provinces of Mexico; and also among the German and Irish immigrants.

With regard to these last-named objects of your Christian zeal, it is difficult to estimate your success at its full value: since the result is not only to elevate these degraded classes into a state which qualifies them to be good citizens of your great commonwealth, but to re-act for good, to an indefinite extent and in various ways, upon the population of their native land.

We must heartily congratulate you on the completed and effective organization which you have recently given to your Missionary efforts; and especially on the important principle which lies at the basis of this organization, and which you have so happily exemplified,—that the Missionary work is the main business and duty of the Christian Church. We see in the declaration of this principle the promise not only of augmented funds and permanent efficiency to your Missionary department, but of a richer blessing on your domestic work. We rejoice in hope that your agents will be associated with our own in the fields of India and China, which are already “white to harvest,” and in respect of which we have much reason to pray “the Lord of the harvest,” that He would send forth more labourers to cultivate and reap them.

You have our best thanks for the seasonable aid you have rendered to the infant Methodist Church in France, in its endeavour to introduce the light of evangelical truth into Italy; and we anticipate with lively interest the result of your proposed Mission in Belgium.

In the midst of all these aggressive movements of Christian enterprise, you, with ourselves, are called to mourn the loss of those whose zeal and courage have so greatly animated the hosts of the Lord. These have fallen in the field, before they were permitted to see the glorious issue in “the times of the restitution of all things.” But our common consolation is that, though “the

grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away, the word of the Lord endureth for ever."

Amongst those who have recently been called away from the toils and sufferings of the Church militant to the rest and joy of the Church triumphant, Dr. Newton occupies a prominent place. Your Churches, as well as our own, were favoured with his truly evangelical, powerful, and successful ministry; and with you, as well as with us, his name will long continue to call up a thousand affectionate and edifying reminiscences.

As to our own affairs, we have to express our devout gratitude to God, that the past year has been one of freedom from active agitation within our borders; and that our Societies generally, under the care of the Good Shepherd, have been led beside "the still waters," and made "to lie down in green pastures." Though as yet we have not so far recovered from the effects of recent troubles as to show any numerical increase, we have good reason to believe that our people generally have been improving in the state of their religion; that they have increased confidence in the capabilities of Methodism, to promote, by God's blessing, the salvation of men; and that they are generally thirsting for that outpouring of the Spirit's influence, which, like "the rain, cometh down from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud." With the blessing and presence of that Divine Comforter, we are persuaded that the word of the Lord shall not return unto Him void, but that it shall accomplish that which He hath pleased, and shall prosper in the thing whereto He hath sent it.

The financial difficulties with which we have had to contend, have led us to a thorough revision of our entire system in this department, and to the adoption of measures which, we trust, will give consolidation and stability to our work for many years to come. Meanwhile our Educational Agency is becoming more extensive and efficient, giving promise of being a powerful auxiliary to our home-work. Our Missionary affairs also are such as to inspire us with gratitude and hope. The pleasure of the Lord prospers in our hands in the foreign department of our work. The income of our Missionary Society continues, amidst the fluctuations affecting other funds, steady and reliable; and, if we may not hope for any immediate and considerable augmentation of the funds at its disposal, we are making some important arrangements by which the expense of many of our older Missions will ultimately cease to be chargeable to the Mission Fund at home, and so render a larger portion of that fund available for other parts of the world. Never was it more necessary for the Christian Church to be ready to occupy such new fields of usefulness, as are now, in the Providence of God, rapidly opening before it. Never, we venture to believe, were there more visible indications of an active

and vigorous interposition of the mediatorial government of Christ in the affairs of men; and surely never was the design of those interpositions more transparent to the eye of faith. Commerce, science, wealth, and even pestilence and war, are all pressed into the service of that kingdom which is destined to fill and rule the earth. They are working under the guidance of an all-controlling Providence towards the production of one grand result,—the universal revelation of the glory of God. These are days in which we humbly think it to be the duty of the Church to set before its members these “signs of the times,” and to urge upon them individually that full personal consecration to the work and cause of God which they imperatively require.

Whilst, therefore, in dependence upon God, we address ourselves to this duty, we would affectionately animate you to the same work. Wherefore, “in the name of the Lord, let us set up our banners.” “Let us be steadfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” Our work may indeed be one of self-denial and sacrifice and conflict; but “it will not be in vain in the Lord.” It must have a glorious issue, and that issue may possibly not be very remote.

But, whether in our time, or at some distant period, the glory of the latter days burst upon the world, we shall at least secure for ourselves the blessedness of those servants whom their Lord when He cometh shall find so doing.

We are, very dear Brethren,

On behalf of the Conference,

Yours very affectionately,

JOHN FARRAR, *President*,

JOHN HANNAH, D.D., *Secretary*.

Birmingham, August 11th, 1854.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST CHURCH IN FRANCE, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE, TO THE CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

(TRANSLATION.)

DEAR AND HONOURED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

ACCEPT our cordial thanks for the truly scriptural counsels and encouragements contained in your Address, and for the assurances you give us of your deep and continued interest in the prosperity of the work entrusted to our care, and of your fervent prayers on our behalf. We hope that in the prosecution of our labours our faith will be sustained, amidst varied difficulties, by a constant

recurrence to the manifold and precious promises set forth in the inspired word, some of which your kind epistle has so seasonably brought before our view.

Two of our Annual Conferences have been held before an opportunity has offered of acknowledging your communication. On both these occasions we have had to thank God for the pledges of His favour and faithfulness, which He has mercifully vouchsafed to us His unworthy servants. We have regarded them as proofs of His approval of the important change recently made in our position as a Church; and by them our expectation of a continued and more abundant fulfilment of His gracious designs has been revived and strengthened.

After a season of trial, rendered more severe by the commotions which have disturbed this country for some years, we have witnessed returning prosperity in several of our spheres of labour. Revivals of true religion have taken place. Last year, in the mountains of Dauphiny and elsewhere, the Spirit of God was poured out, sinners young and old were reclaimed from the error of their ways, backsliders recovered, and believers quickened in their faith and love. This year also, chiefly in some of our oldest Stations among the Protestants of Languedoc, similar visitations have been experienced. The bread cast on the waters has been found after many days; the children formerly composing our Sunday-schools and weekly children's meetings have, in several instances, been brought by true conversion into Christ's fold; persons living in the most profound religious ignorance, and even persecutors of God's people, have been visited by the Day-spring from on high,—they have sought and found redemption in the blood of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins. Several of our principal congregations are enlarged, and our general prospects are cheering. With lively gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we have to acknowledge an increase of members both in the north and south, amounting in all to two hundred and fifty-eight, besides one hundred and sixty-seven on trial.

Encouraged by past success, we continue to give our serious attention to Sunday-school instruction; and in this labour of love we rejoice in the zealous co-operation of our members.

Another ground of thankfulness is found in the fact that the Head of the church has, within the last two years, raised up, for the evangelization of this vast empire by our young Connexion, agents of different grades, who have been made wise to win souls. Still the pressing wants of millions of our fellow-countrymen, and the numerous doors that open before us, remind us forcibly of our Saviour's declaration and command: "The harvest truly is great, and the labourers are few: pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth labourers into His harvest."

Divine Providence has also favoured us with special protection

with regard to our religious liberties. In these eventful times, we have to record only one or two cases in which authority to preach the Gospel has not been granted us. We feel the more bound to acknowledge this mercy, as other religious bodies have been greatly hindered in their evangelical labours. We are also thankful that the most striking case in which we have suffered, has given us the opportunity of causing our light to shine before men, with reference to the peaceableness of our conduct, and our respect for, and submission to, our rulers; and we are more than ever resolved firmly to inculcate, both by precept and example, a line of conduct from which we could not depart without rejecting the teachings of the inspired word, whose authority binds us equally to "fear God" and "honour the King."

In addition to the exigencies of the work of God to which we have already referred, we would state our deep and growing conviction of the claims of education based on scriptural principles. This is a mode of evangelization becoming every day more necessary for the consolidation of our work, and the keeping of the ground already won. Our operations in this sphere, although on a small scale, have been successful, and we long to have the means of increasing the number of our day-schools.

In connexion with this subject, we would respectfully call your attention and solicit your kind interest in favour of a plan for the improvement of young men whom we believe truly moved by the Holy Spirit to enter into the work of the ministry. While anxious equally to guard the exclusive prerogative of the head of the Church to call to the work, and the spirituality of the Ministers themselves, we feel imperatively called upon by the wants of the times, in consequence of the impulse given to education in general, to give to our candidates those helps which will, by the blessing of God, render them "workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

During the last year, we have been authorized by the Government to establish a Wesleyan Book-Room in Paris. It is a small beginning; but we consider it as a step in the right direction, as well as the feeble and imperfect expression of our strong sense of duty, as to the part we ought to take in the dissemination of Divine truth, by means of religious periodicals and other practical and popular writings. We hope also to be enabled to translate into French those of the standard works of Methodism which are best adapted to the circumstances of this country.

Since our first Conference, one of our Brethren, the Rev. H. Martin, has been called to his rest. In his case, our Divine Master's words have, we believe, received a literal and striking fulfilment: "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when He cometh, shall find doing" his duty. Another beloved Brother

was last year obliged through ill health to become a Supernumery: we hope his retirement will only be temporary.

We continue to take the liveliest interest in the progress of vital Christianity in the British empire, and in the extensive fields which you, as the Conference of the Parent Connexion, are called to evangelize.

We rejoice to learn that peace and prosperity have again, in many instances, been granted to the Churches of your charge, and that unprecedented openings are presented to you for the spread of the Gospel among the Heathen. We continue one Body: our interests are bound up in your increase and prosperity.

We pray that the Christian Churches of Britain in general, and especially the Wesleyan-Methodist Churches, may continue to be the "salt of the earth, and the light of the world."

The sittings of this Conference, as well as of the last, have been characterized by brotherly love. They have contributed to impress our minds with the greatness and seriousness of our calling.

We feel our ignorance and weakness; and we ask wisdom of God, who giveth unto all men liberally: we pray "that His strength may be made perfect in our weakness." We are about to depart for our respective fields of labour. Some of them—those, for instance, in Roman Catholic provinces—present many difficulties; but we sow the incorruptible seed of the word of God, and believe that it will eventually grow, and bring forth fruit to perfection. In the meantime, as the progress of truth is slow, our faith must be characterized by patience: we often "sow in tears," but we are assured that we shall "reap in joy." Fathers and Brethren, still pray for us, that "the word of God may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you."

We have again delegated to your next Conference the Rev. Dr. Cook, as the organ of our sentiments of esteem, gratitude, and affection in our common Lord and Saviour.

We thank you sincerely for the cordial and brotherly reception that you gave him as our Representative to the Bradford Conference.

Our prayers will be offered to the God of all grace, that His presence and blessing may attend your approaching Conference, and that it may greatly tend to spread and establish in the earth the Redeemer's kingdom of peace and righteousness.

For the Conference, and in its name,

HENRY DE JERSEY, *Secretary.*

Nimes, July, 14th, 1854.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE
ADDRESS OF THE FRENCH CONFERENCE.

YOUR Address, very dear Brethren, has been received by our Assembly with lively satisfaction ; and we affectionately hail, once more, the visit of your revered President. Allow us, briefly but emphatically, to reciprocate your expressions of warm regard, while we commend you, and the flocks over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to the continued blessing of our common Lord Jesus Christ, "who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."

In receiving the welcome tidings of your unity, order, and prosperity, we cannot but call to remembrance former days, in which, amid circumstances widely differing from those which mark the present relations of our country and yours, the care of the Wesleyan Methodists was first practically devoted to the spiritual interests of Frenchmen. Light then sprang out of darkness, and, in the arrangements of a wonder-working Providence, war and its sequel of calamities were made to proclaim the reign of grace, mercy, and peace. At a period still earlier, the eye of reflecting Europe had been fixed, while problems implying far more than political issues awaited their solution in your country ; and, from those eventful days to the present, its chequered history has not failed to awaken intense interest. On considerations of this class, however, we do not descant ; though Christianity silently hallows the study, and directs us, while reverencing "the powers that be," to trace the unseen Hand which guides the affairs of communities, as of individuals. That the two great nations of Western Europe have been drawn into closer alliance, is a most important fact, which the Christian will ponder no less than the statesman ; and, though we review not now the circumstances which strengthen this bond, and presume not to indicate the results to be expected in the momentous future, we shall do well, on both sides, to look at the subject in its practical lights, to turn each opportunity to good, and, according to our ability, to contribute to the perpetuating of those friendly relations, which, surviving present agitations and conflicts, may yet shed a pacific influence both within and beyond the bounds of Europe.

Nothing can be more cheering to us than to observe, developing at such a conjuncture, the signs of vigour, aggressive activity, and zeal for the maintenance of our first principles, in the French Methodist Church. Surely, beloved Brethren, you shall see greater things than these. By the favour of grace and Providence, you are in possession of that simple, imperishable, all-hallowing TRUTH, which France, Switzerland, Corsica, and the neighbouring regions, insular and continental, loudly demand. The errors

which oppose your advancement cannot stand before the preaching of salvation by grace through faith. And, it may be allowed us to say, that Christianity in the Methodist form—simple, lively, energetic, free—seems peculiarly adapted for the work that summons the labourers in your department of our Master's vineyard. Our deep sympathy, indeed, attends *all* evangelical Protestantism in the French and Subalpine Stations which you are contributing to cultivate; and for this reason, rather than on account of any merely denominational zeal, we have regretted in former years a certain injustice done to ourselves by some Continental Brethren bearing the common name of Protestant. But, we trust, the mists of prejudice are dissipating; and we rejoice in your occasional intercourse with Christian friends of different names, as tending to the increase of mutual esteem and confidence. Moreover, while your trumpet-voice, ever *practical*, is ever *evangelical* too,—while CHRIST JESUS is magnified in all your assemblies as “THE FIRST AND THE LAST,” “THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION UNTO ALL THEM THAT OBEY HIM,”—we fear nothing for the future of your cause. Practical appeals and exertions of dear Brethren in other Churches supply a tribute to some of our views, which is even more valuable than the mere acceptance of a theological symbol. Let us join them heartily in works of faith and love; and seek at all times, and by all means, to spread abroad the savour of our Redeemer's name on every side.

With inexpressible joy we hear of those baptisms of power from on high, with which your southern Stations have been favoured, and of the tokens by which the Lord has confirmed the word spoken by His messengers. From the terms of your valued Address, we would remind ourselves of this great and primary truth—that all our successes are achieved “not by might, nor by power, but by” the “SPIRIT” of the LORD. Much prayer for the coming of the Holy Ghost—and this in terms the most distinct, simple, and scriptural—must be sent up in the name of Him whom the Father heareth always, and the answer will come in plentiful effusions on Pastors and flocks. “The LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” Your fields of toil—some of them, by their historical associations, intensely and pathetically attractive to readers of Church-annals—shall surely wave with corn, and echo with the reaper's joy. Yea, they already yield the promise of a large harvest. Thanks be to God, who in these latter days hath caused you “to triumph in Christ,” and hath made “manifest the savour of His knowledge,” by your instrumentality, in many places. For the increase of your church-members, and the raising up of such agencies as your work requires, all praise to Him who is “Head over all things to the

church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." A valuable light is meanwhile projected on your future course. Thus guided and animated, you will not fail to prosecute your schemes for the instruction of the young, or to follow (as opportunity offers) in the train of Bible-distribution, while you still further and further circulate that matchless word which "gives seed to the sower," as well as "bread to the eater."

It was not to be expected that the signs of your revival and growth would awaken no hostility. Some of you have suffered, but not in vain. Be patient, Brethren, and you shall find tribulation yielding the fruit of righteousness. By your steady, peaceful, Christian living, the cause dear to your hearts will be effectively served. You will acquire strength to carry out the designs you have in view,—in regard to which you have our warm congratulations and best wishes. We hear with special satisfaction of the establishment of a Methodist Book-Room in Paris, and it will be our joy to render you every encouragement in our power.

A number of our countrymen resident in France we commend to your Christian and pastoral kindness. Some of these, unhappily, have lost the fervour and simplicity of their first love; but the prayers of many of their old friends, once hailed by them as "companions in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ," are still offered in their behalf. Great indeed will be our rejoicing, if, by the light of your testimony, a large proportion of them be drawn again to Christ, and to the fellowship of His saints.

In glancing at our position and prospects, we may humbly express undiminished confidence in God, who is "the Strength of Israel, and the Salvation thereof." Abroad, vast and still widening fields in Australia, Africa, and the East, invite us onward,—many of them "white already to harvest." And we know *who* hath said, "He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." Measures are in progress, as a reference to the documents of this Conference will show, tending to the enlargement of our work in some of these remote parts. Surveying our Missionary department in general, we may indeed venture to affirm, that it was never richer in encouragement than at present. At home, our Educational efforts are assuming an importance, which surpasses all that we had even recently begun to hope. In many of our principal Circuits the number of devout hearers of the word preached is undiminished; in some, greatly increasing. Various causes have contributed to a numerical decline of our church-members; and in this respect we are still humbled before God. Yet we have good reason to believe, that the discipline of trial has nurtured the strength and the abiding graces of our church; that the Ministers of our Brotherhood were never so entirely one as at this time; that the *zeal*, simplicity, and

love of our people are abounding ; and that there are signs, as well as earnest and believing expectations, of a reviving influence from on high. May the visitation descend, dear Brethren, on you, on us, and on all ! As we rejoice to echo the maxim, that *the Methodists are one throughout the world*, let it be our steadfast aim to sustain each other by mutual prayer. So shall brotherly love ever continue ; and our relations here will be hallowed as means of preparing and disciplining our souls for the fellowship of endless glory.

During the past year you have had the monitions of sickness and of death ; and we, too, mourn the loss of not a few of our dear and reverend companions. The illustrious name of Robert Newton is placed, with others, in our obituary. Many Fathers and Brethren are, moreover, retiring from full service. What remains but that you and we renew our ministerial warfare, vowing, in our Captain's strength, to struggle against the confederate powers of evil, till the declining sun shall bring our honourable discharge ; till, like our predecessors, we too exchange the well-tried panoply for the white raiment, the palm, and the crown ? Receive our heartiest greeting, Brethren beloved in Christ. May our common Lord do for you " exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think ! "

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN HANNAH, D.D., *Secretary.*

Birmingham, August 11th, 1854.

APPENDIX.

I.

MEETING OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE OF
REVIEW,

HELD IN BIRMINGHAM, TUESDAY, JULY 25TH, 1854.

PRESENT: the REV. JOHN LOMAS, President of the Conference, in the Chair, the REV. JOHN FARRAR, Secretary of the Conference, and many other Ministers and friends of the Society from various parts of the country. The Minutes of the General Committee of Management and of various Sub-Committees were read, and the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Moved by Mr. R. F. Sturges, of Birmingham; seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hannah:

1. That this Meeting regards with satisfaction the well-considered financial arrangements which have been adopted by the General Committee, relative to the formation of a distinct and affiliated Connexion in the Southern Hemisphere, embracing the Missions in the Australian Colonies, Van Diemen's Land, New-Zealand, and Polynesia; and, recognising the advantages which may be secured by local management, connected with free action and self-support, in the work of evangelising the increasing and scattered population of those large and remote regions,—and being satisfied that the Societies under the care of the Missionaries in Australasia have attained sufficient maturity and ability for carrying out those great objects,—cordially recommends to the Conference the adoption of the whole financial plan now reported, as being, on the one hand, well adapted to the advanced circumstances and best interests of the Colonies and the Missions, and on the other, just to the position of the Parent Society and to the demands of those other portions of the Mission-field where the labours of the Society require to be strengthened and extended.

Moved by the Rev. Thomas Jackson; seconded by John Irving, Esq., supported by the Rev. Dr. Bunting:

2. That this Meeting cordially unites with the Managing Committee in their expressions of devout gratitude to God for the preservation in life and health of their valued Brother, the Rev. Robert Young, throughout the many perils and labours connected with his visit to Australasia and Polynesia as the Deputation from this Society, and for the special diligence and zeal with which he has been enabled to conduct and bring to a successful issue the

great objects of his Mission; and unanimously adopts the Resolution of the General Committee, as follows,—

“The affairs of the Australasian and Polynesian Missions having been thus examined and considered in preparation for the approaching Conference, the Committee feel that the record of these proceedings ought not to be concluded, until they have expressed, more distinctly and fully than before, their sense of obligation to the Rev. Robert Young, whose services have so largely contributed to bring about that very gratifying and hopeful state of things, which now appears to exist in these Missions.

“The Committee remember with pleasure and admiration the promptness with which Mr. Young acceded to their request to undertake the responsible and onerous duty of visiting those distant fields of Missionary labour, and the Christian firmness and perseverance which marked his conduct in the difficult and dangerous circumstances which attended the commencement of the undertaking. The diligence with which the objects of Mr. Young’s Mission have been prosecuted, and the ability, fidelity, and kindness displayed by him in his intercourse with the Brethren on the various Stations, and in the several negotiations he has conducted,—the profitable character of his public ministrations and general intercourse with the Societies,—are gratefully commemorated by the Committee on this occasion; and will long be remembered in the countries from which he has returned, and whose religious welfare his visit has greatly tended to promote.

“The Committee congratulate Mr. Young upon returning in health to his family, whose readiness to make the required sacrifice of comfort to promote the interests of the Mission cause deserves to be honourably mentioned here, and with whose anxieties and perplexities during Mr. Young’s absence they have more than once had occasion to express their sympathy; and they trust that it may please the Giver of all good long to spare their beloved Brother to labour happily and usefully in whatever sphere he may in future be called to occupy.”

Moved by Mr. S. R. Healey, of Liverpool; seconded by Mr. W. Turner, of Derby:

3. That this Meeting, regarding with gratitude to Almighty God the benefits which have resulted from the union of the Society’s Indian and Domestic Missions in Canada with the affiliated Methodist Conference in that Province, is gratified to learn that satisfactory measures have been adopted for including in the same arrangement the remaining Missions in the Eastern Canada District; and it further expresses the hope that the contemplated plan for promoting the more efficient working of the Society’s Missions in the Lower Provinces of British America will be carried into effect at an early opportunity.

Moved by Mr. James S. Budgett, of Bristol; seconded by Mr. A. Brogden, of Birmingham; supported by Mr. J. F. Bottom, of Nottingham:

4. That this Meeting rejoices to learn that the Special Contributions, given or promised, in aid of the work in China, have reached such an amount, as to justify the Committee in sending three additional Missionaries to Canton; and at the same time the Meeting expresses its earnest hope, that the new arrangements for the Australasian and North American Missions, when brought into full and effective operation, will so far relieve the General Fund of the Society, as to enable the Committee to improve, to a greater extent than their means will at present permit them to do, the many important openings for Missionary effort which now present themselves, especially on the vast continents of Asia and Africa.

Moved by the Rev. Thomas Waugh; seconded by Mr. Wade, of Selby; supported by Charles Cooper, Esq., of Manchester:

5. That the cordial thanks of the Committee are hereby presented to Thomas Farmer, Esq., and the Rev. John Scott, for their important services as General Treasurers of the Wesleyan Missionary Society during the past year; and to the Rev. Elijah Hoole, the Deputy-Treasurer.

6. The cordial thanks of the Committee are hereby presented to the General Secretaries for their acceptable and useful services, and to the General Committee for their able and faithful direction of the affairs of our Missions, during the past year.

II.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE KINGSWOOD AND WOODHOUSE-GROVE SCHOOLS,

HELD IN BIRMINGHAM, JULY 19TH, 1854.

PRESENT: the REV. JOHN LOMAS, President of the Conference, the REV. JOHN FARRAR, Secretary; also, the Rev. J. Hannah, D.D., Thomas Jackson, William Barton, Charles Prest, P. Duncan, Frederick J. Jobson, William W. Stamp, Jonathan Crowther, S. D. Waddy, John Mason, William Kelk; with Messrs. S. H. Smith, J. Lofthouse, William Turner, J. Hartley, F. Heeley, R. F. Sturges, John Yates, William Perks, A. Brogden, B. Bloomer, Thomas Cox, T. Davies, T. Walker, J. S. Budgett, J. Vanner, J. Burton, and others.

The Reports of the Examiners in the various departments of instruction were read; and also the Report of the General Treasurer. From the former, it appeared that both the Schools were in a satisfactory condition in the Teaching department; but the latter

showed a deficiency in the annual income as compared, not with the income of former years, but with the unavoidable expenditure.

It was also stated that a provisional arrangement had been made by the Local Committee for filling up the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of the two Head-Masters.

The following Resolutions were thereupon unanimously adopted :—

Moved by the Rev. Samuel D. Waddy; seconded by the Rev. Charles Prest; supported by the Rev. Jonathan Crowther :

1. That this Committee recommends to the Conference the appointment of William J. Shera, Esq., M.A., as Head-Master of New-Kingswood School.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Hannah; seconded by the Rev. John Farrar :

2. That this Committee recommends to the Conference the appointment of Samuel Sharpe, Esq., LL.B., as Head-Master of the Woodhouse-Grove School.

Moved by the Rev. Charles Prest; seconded by Samuel H. Smith, Esq., of Sheffield :

3. That the state of the Schools'-Fund be referred to an adjourned Meeting of the Committee, to meet as early as possible, and to report to the Conference.

Moved by the Rev. Frederick J. Jobson; seconded by Thomas Walker, Esq., of Cheltenham :

4. That the thanks of the Committee be presented as follows :—

(1.) To John Irving, Esq., and the Rev. Charles Prest, the General Treasurers, and to the Rev. Peter M'Owan, and the Rev. Benjamin B. Waddy, the General Secretaries, and to the Local Committees; also, to the Local Secretaries, the Rev. William Davenport and the Rev. J. H. James; for the efficient discharge of the duties of their offices during the year.

(2.) To the Rev. Joseph Cusworth and the Rev. William Lord, the Governors of the Schools, and to Mrs. Cusworth and Mrs. Lord, for their kind and diligent attention to the comfort and welfare of the children placed under their care.

(3.) To the Rev. Jonathan Crowther, for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duty of Classical and Mathematical Examiner of the Schools. And the Committee recommends that he be requested by the Conference to undertake the same office for the next year.

(4.) To the Donors of £5 and upwards, for their liberal support of the School-Funds. (Their names will be published in the Annual Report of the Schools.)

5. That an expression of sincere condolence be addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Cusworth, on the occasion of Mr. Cusworth's present indisposition, and his consequent inability to attend the Conference.

III.

MEETING OF THE UNITED COMMITTEES OF
THE GENERAL CHAPEL-FUND AND CHAPEL-
RELIEF FUND, AND OF THE CHAPEL-BUILD-
ING COMMITTEE,

HELD JULY 21ST, 1854.

PRESENT: the REV. JOHN LOMAS, President of the Conference, the REV. JOHN FARRAR, Secretary, with most of the Ministers and Lay-Gentlemen named as Members of these Committees, in the Minutes of 1853, pp. 258—260.

Several cases recommended by the District-Meetings, for assistance towards the payment of annual deficiencies, were laid before the Meeting; and to the extent that was practicable, with the money placed at its disposal, each case was dealt with on its comparative urgency and merit, so as to afford as much assistance as was possible, though considerably less, in many cases, than was necessary.

The Report of the Chapel-Building Committee was then read, and unanimously adopted.

From that Report it appeared that, since the last Conference, *one hundred and sixteen* applications had been made for the sanction of the Committee to projects of building, or enlargement, or sale, or the introduction of organs. Of these cases, *twenty* were disallowed, or deferred: in a few cases, where formal notice of sale had been given, parties had been allowed to take their own course. The estimated cost of the erections and enlargements sanctioned is £13,916; and the parties concerned in them are all bound to the completion of their projects, without creating new debts, or augmenting old ones.

The total number of erections or enlargements reported at the District-Meeting, as having been completed during the last year, is *ninety-five*. In *fifty* of those cases there has been no new debt incurred, nor has any debt previously existing been increased; and the other cases are, generally, in a fair financial position.

On the whole, there appeared to be good reason for congratulation on the diminution of irregularities in this department; and on the growing disposition of the friends throughout the Connexion to keep their building and enlargement schemes within such limits as may preclude, in perpetuity, the risk of failure and encumbrance. It is a lesson which they have been slow to learn; but they are making hopeful progress in it.

It appeared also that vigorous efforts are in the course of being made in many Circuits, to reduce or extinguish Trust-liabilities, for the purpose of providing additional resources for carrying on

the work of God. Several Circuits, which have been assisted, more or less, by the Contingent Fund, are making efforts in this way to effect their independence of the Chapel-Fund. In some Circuits, for instance, every chapel sends a contribution from its Trust-income to the Quarterly Meeting, and the Circuit thus requires a much smaller Grant. Let this movement be encouraged by Ministers and Trustees, and the Contingent Fund may soon be effectually relieved of many of the heavy charges coming upon it, year by year, from dependent Circuits, and a larger portion of its income be available for Home Missionary purposes.

The Committee then recorded their obligations to the following gentlemen, for their liberality in presenting chapels to the Connexion, free of debt;—viz., to Mr. Webb, of Newport, Monmouthshire, for a chapel valued at £1,500; to Mr. Jennings, and Friends, of Staines, for a chapel and property, valued at £430; to Mr. Brogden, of Sale, for one valued at £600; to Mr. Exley, of Bristol, for a chapel at Gowdall, in the Snaith Circuit, the value of which is not specified; and also to Mr. Tombleson, of Barton-on-Humber, for his generous donation of the sum of £1,000 to the Trustees of Barton Chapel.

IV.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND,

HELD AT BIRMINGHAM, JULY 20TH, 1854.

PRESENT: the REV. JOHN LOMAS, President of the Conference, the REV. JOHN FARRAR, Secretary, the Officers of the Fund, with most of the persons constituting the Committee, and many others.

The Minutes of the Committee were read, and statements made by the Officers; from which it appeared, that the arrangements formerly made for the holding of Meetings in the Circuits on behalf of the Fund had for the most part been carried out, and had been so successful to its augmentation, that the Treasurers had now to report £84,515. 8s., as the amount of contributions promised, and a very large proportion of that amount as having been already received. A conversation followed on the ready and cheerful manner in which the friends throughout the Connexion had entered into the plans and responded to the appeals of the Committee, and had thus given to their Meetings a character and spirit most fraternal and encouraging. The necessity of obtaining the full amount of the £100,000, as originally proposed, was

dwelt upon at length, and various suggestions with reference to this end were made. In conclusion, after representations, made by several gentlemen, of the great and almost exclusive advantage that would result to the Trustees of the Connexion by the further augmentation of the Fund, it was

Moved by James Heald, Esq., of Parr's Wood, seconded by Samuel Hill Smith, Esq., of Sheffield, supported by John Burton, Esq., of Leeds, R. F. Sturges, Esq., of Birmingham, William Turner, Esq., of Derby, and resolved unanimously,

That this Committee, on receiving the Report of the Officers on the amount already promised to the Relief and Extension Fund, feels itself called upon to express and record, in the first instance, its devout and grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for this very gratifying result of the applications made to the friends and supporters of Methodism: but, considering the necessity which exists, of raising the *full* amount of £100,000, originally proposed, in order to the due completion of the important objects which are contemplated; and remembering, also, how largely the interests of the Chapel-Trust Estates will be benefited by the additional sum yet to be raised; the Committee most respectfully and affectionately recommend to their brethren, the Trustees of the Connexion, that they present, for the augmentation of this Fund, one guinea, at least, for each Chapel-Trust in the Connexion, as a token of their sympathy with this great undertaking, and of their earnest desire for its complete accomplishment.

The Report of the Committee on the plans to be adopted for the Relief of Chapel-Trust Property, and for their improved management, was read, and most cordially recommended by the Meeting for the consideration and adoption of the Conference. The following is a copy of that Report:—

At the Conference of 1851, held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, it was agreed to appoint a Special Committee of Finance "to take a comprehensive survey of the state and prospects of our various Connexional Funds, as well as of our Chapel-Trusts, and to endeavour to devise means to relieve them from pecuniary embarrassment." This Committee not being able to meet in the course of that year, in consequence of the very important and lengthened deliberations of the Memorial Committee, it was called together by appointment of the ensuing Conference, and met in London, in the spring of 1853. Among other Resolutions of this Meeting, the following on the subject of Chapel-affairs was passed unanimously:—

"That this Meeting has received with great satisfaction the Report of the United Committees, for the relief of necessitous Chapels, and for controlling the erection of new Chapels, and also the valuable suggestions offered, in writing or verbally, by several members of this Meeting. Its satisfaction is greatly increased from the evidence thus supplied of the great and growing concern felt by the Connexion on account of the amount of Debt which still rests upon its Trust-Estates, and of a general and earnest desire to adopt some suitable means of relief. It is also encouraged to hope that some plans

may speedily be devised, whereby all Circuits in which Chapel-Debts exist may be enabled, by their own resources and efforts, gradually, but effectually, to extinguish them. But this Meeting is also of opinion, that while Trustees and all Circuit-Officers must more than ever depend upon their own local efforts for meeting the claims to which they may be liable on account of Chapel-Debts, and other charges arising from the establishment and maintenance of their local institutions, the present time, when a Resolution has been taken to pay off existing Connexional Debts, is a fitting opportunity to raise a sum of money sufficient to afford means for offering a premium and inducement to local exertion for the extinction of debts on Chapel-Trust Estates, with the understanding that the surplus income of such Trust-Estates so relieved will be made available for the support and extension of the work of God; and also, if found practicable, to assist in the gradual formation of a Fund, by which some Connexional assistance may be hereafter given towards the erection of new chapels in important and eligible localities, where, without such stimulus or aid, sufficient means may not be supposed or found to exist."

It was subsequently agreed by the Meeting to make a great Connexional effort to raise at least £100,000, in order to liberate our Connexional Funds and to assist our Chapel-Trusts; and a Special Committee was appointed for completing and carrying into effect the objects contemplated. To this Committee all Proposals and Plans in reference to Chapel-affairs were referred for careful consideration. At the Bradford Conference, by request of the General Committee, this duty was devolved on a Sub-Committee, according to the following Resolution:—

"That the following Sub-Committee be now appointed, to whom shall be referred the various official and other documents relating to Chapel-Trust Estates, which have been prepared and placed in the hands of the General Committee of the Connexional Relief and Extension Fund, whose duty it shall be to revise the whole, and, after a careful consideration of them, to embody their views in a Report for the use of the General Committee, which shall afterwards be submitted to the Conference for its approval; the Report, when sanctioned and adopted, shall form the basis of a mode of appropriating the money raised to the additional objects of the subscription beyond the payments of Connexional debts; viz., the President of the Conference; the Ex-President; the Rev. Dr. Bunting; the Rev. Messrs. F. A. West and W. Kelk; Messrs. Heald, J. D. Burton, Farmer, Fernley, T. P. Bunting, S. R. Healey; and the General Secretaries."

On Tuesday, 28th of February, 1854, and by adjournment on several subsequent days, this Sub-Committee met at Manchester, according to appointment:

The PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE in the Chair.

A Digest of the Proposals, submitted to the Committee by many intelligent individuals in various parts of the Connexion, was in the first place read. These Proposals, amounting to seventy, were classified under the following heads:—

I. CONNEXIONAL PLANS OF RELIEF. These amounted to twenty-nine; and included,

1. Six Plans for raising a large sum of money, without specifying any particular mode of appropriation.
2. Eight for extinguishing Chapel-Debts simultaneously, within some definite period.
3. One Proposal to continue, with some modifications, the present system of relief by Grants exclusively.
4. Seven Plans for relieving by Loans exclusively.
5. Seven for relieving by Grants and Loans conjointly.

The Plans for raising money include, among others, large Connexional subscriptions extending during several years; the contracting of a Connexional Loan; the establishment of a Fire-Insurance Office for Wesleyan property; and the adoption of the principle of Building-Societies. As to the proposals for relieving by Loan, whilst there is a general agreement that Trustees should, at once, as the condition of a Loan, reduce a larger or smaller proportion of the debt, another plan suggests that no such immediate reduction should be required.

II. LOCAL PLANS OF RELIEF; some with, others without, Connexional aid. These were eighteen in number.

At Farnworth, in the Bolton Circuit, a considerable debt has recently been extinguished, without Connexional aid, by economizing the ordinary resources, and by private subscriptions and Anniversary collections.

At Barton-on-Humber, the friends have raised among themselves, and vested in Trustees, the sum of £500, to be lent without interest to the various chapels in that Circuit, till all the debts are paid off.

At Melton Mowbray, an excellent plan was entered into, a few years ago, for extinguishing their entire debts by quarterly subscriptions, in the form of shares, extending through seven years.

At Lambeth, a Sinking-Fund was formed, some years since, by the Trustees raising £200, and putting it out at compound interest. By its accumulations £1,700 have been realised, and, in a few more years, a debt of £3,500 is likely to be extinguished.

At Rotherham, a Circuit Chapel-Fund has been in existence for twelve years, through the operation of which the Trustees have reduced their own debts without Connexional aid. The Fund is formed by an annual collection in each chapel, and Trustees' subscriptions.

At Great Queen-street, London, a similar Fund, arising from public collections and private subscriptions, has been formed, by means of which nearly £2,000 was paid off in eight years. In Grimsby and other Circuits, a similar arrangement is in successful operation.

From Truro, the following proposal has been received:—That all the Trusts in the Circuit be placed under one general management; that a united Circuit-Trust Committee be formed, to meet once a quarter, to receive the seat-rents and other income from each chapel, and to make the required disbursements. By a prudent use of the surplus thus obtained, the proposer calculates that the debts of eleven out of thirteen chapels in that Circuit might be paid off in seven years.

Two plans of relieving chapels on the principle of Life-Insurance have been propounded, of which numerous Trusts have availed themselves: by one the annual payment, including premium and interest, is about £5. 5s. per cent.

To obviate the possible tardiness of the Insurance-principle, the purchase of Government or other Annuities has been suggested. Wherever Trustees, who have insured, are prepared to make the effort, they have to raise a sum of money sufficient to purchase an Annuity equal to what they are now paying yearly for premium, or for both premium and interest; and, to facilitate this arrangement, it is proposed that a Connexional Loan be obtained.

One gentleman proposes that Trustees in a Circuit should borrow a sum of money equal to their chapel-debts, at 2½ per cent.; and suggests that, by paying off 5 per cent. annually, the sum borrowed might be repaid in twenty-five years.

There are also two proposals for Trustees and their friends to advance money on their own chapels without interest; the annual surplus, on the one plan, to go towards re-payment of the money lent; and on the other, the

accumulation of interest would, in fourteen years, pay off the principal advanced.

Among other local efforts suggested, are Bazaars, public Meetings, and monthly or quarterly subscriptions, in the form of shares, to extend through two or more years.

III. Proposals for an IMPROVED MANAGEMENT of Trust-Property, amounting altogether to nineteen.

Several of these, including one from the Bedford and Northampton District-Meeting, contain an urgent recommendation of a Circuit Committee of Trustees and others, for united counsel and management. One recommends a District Auditor. Another, fixed times for Trustee-Meetings. The importance of Circuit-Schedules has been urged from various quarters; especially from the York and Hull Districts. One recommends that, instead of honorary Stewards, persons be paid a per-centage to collect seat-rents. Another recommends that the drafts of Trust-Deeds in future be examined by a Solicitor, prior to their execution. To secure better Connexional oversight, several recommend the amalgamation of our present Chapel-Committees, and the circulation of periodical papers for the diffusion of information on Chapel-Affairs.

IV. Five Proposals as to FUTURE ERECTIONS.

One Trustee recommends that a special Fund be formed to receive subscriptions towards assisting new erections: two propose that one-third of the cost of such erections be advanced on Loan; such Loan, on the one plan, to be re-paid in ten years, on the other at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. One strongly urges the preparation of Model-Plans without delay, as likely to promote improvement in architecture and economy in expenditure.

These varied Proposals, evincing the lively interest felt by the Connexion on the subject of our Chapel-Property, were carefully considered. Of the Plans for Local Relief, as well as of the proposals for an Improved Management, and the suggestions as to Future Erections, the Sub-Committee thought very favourably. Several of the Connexional Plans, however, they were obliged respectfully to decline, as, among other objections to which such plans were liable, they involved very expensive and continuous efforts, which could not be attempted, much less carried out, under the present circumstances of the Connexion, without interfering most injuriously with other interests of vital importance. Nor did the Sub-Committee consider that it would be expedient, in the administration of the Funds for Chapel-purposes, to adhere exclusively to the old principle of relieving by Grants, or to adopt exclusively the new principle, recently advocated, of relieving by Loans; but they were unanimously of opinion, that the conjoint application of these principles, for the present, to the Annual Fund, (subject to the limitation hereinafter mentioned,) and the exclusive application of one of them to the Permanent Fund, might accomplish the object the Connexion has in view more easily and safely than could be effected by any of the other plans submitted to their notice. The Sub-Committee, however, have not confined their attention to what they deem the most eligible mode of appropriating the Funds which may be available for Chapel-purposes; but they have been led, as much by the necessity of the case, as by the earnest recommendations of Trustees and others, and by the Resolutions of our Chapel-Committees, to suggest various important arrangements which the experience of later years has shown to be indispensably necessary, or decidedly conducive, to the safer and more satisfactory working of our system, so far as concerns its Connexional Trust-Property. As the result of their deliberations, the following Scheme, including Relief, Building and

Management, is referred to the Connexional Committee and to the Conference, for their consideration and adoption.

I. That one GENERAL UNITED FUND for Chapel-purposes be now constituted, to be called "THE WESLEYAN CHAPEL-FUND," to consist of,

1. The entire amount of whatever sum may be appropriated to Chapel-purposes by the Committee of the Relief and Extension Fund.

2. Annual Subscriptions and Collections.

3. A yearly contribution of 10s. and upwards, which the Sub-Committee recommend to be earnestly requested from every Trust-Estate, not embarrassed, that does not at present contribute.

4. Donations and Legacies.

The Sub-Committee have given their best attention to the various Proposals received from quarters entitled to great respect, recommending the propriety of augmenting the Fund by the adoption of some Connexional Scheme of Insuring our Chapels against Fire; but, having seriously considered the principle and practicability of such a scheme, and the specific proposals addressed to them on the subject, they do not as yet see their way to offer any recommendation.

II. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

1. That the present Chapel-Committees be amalgamated; and that the entire Chapel-Business of the Connexion, so far as its Connexional Management is concerned, be referred to one General Committee, to be called, "THE WESLEYAN CHAPEL-COMMITTEE,"—to consist of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen, to be annually appointed by the Conference: the lay members to be nominated at a Committee of Review for Chapel-Affairs, which the Conference is recommended to substitute for the present Committee of Distribution.

2. This General Committee to dispose of all loans or grants, whether annual or final; to determine on all erections, enlargements, alterations, purchases, and sales of Wesleyan Trust-Property, including Organs; and to afford advice on difficult cases.

3. Two Treasurers to be appointed, both Laymen; and two Clerical Secretaries,—one of them to be set apart for the purpose of conducting the correspondence, and of taking a general oversight of Chapel-Affairs.

4. The Committee to meet on the first Wednesday of each month, or oftener if necessary.

5. A general Report of all Chapel-proceedings to be forwarded by the Committee for the consideration of the Committee of Review and of the Conference. The Report to be printed.

III. The Fund to be disbursed as follows:—

1. In the incidental expenses of working the Fund; all such expenses to be met out of the Annual Subscriptions and Collections.

2. When the Annual Subscriptions and Collections will admit of it, a sum of not less than £4,000 per annum to be appropriated, for the present, out of that income, to the aid and relief of distressed and other chapels, by annual or final Grants: all applicants for such Grants, whether annual or final, to raise such a proportion of the amount to be cancelled as shall be agreed upon with the Committee.

3. With respect to the remainder of the Fund, the Sub-Committee are of opinion, that, whilst it should be appropriated principally to encourage the extinction of debts on existing Trust-Estates, some provision should also be made for assisting future erections; and that the plan of assistance, in the form of LOAN, WITHOUT INTEREST, promises to promote these objects to the greatest extent, as affording to the Connexion, among other advantages, that of a Permanent Fund for the purpose, so long as it may be needed.

4. In the administration of the Loans, it is obvious that a large discretion must be confided to the Committee of Management. The paramount objects,

however, of the Fund are the extinction of the greatest amount of debt in the shortest possible time, and to assist future erections; and these objects must guide the appropriation of the Fund. It is therefore recommended, that for the present, and experimentally, the following rules be adopted:—

(I.) AS TO THE EXTINCTION OF DEBTS.

1. Whatever may be the amount of debt which the Trustees of any chapel propose to extinguish, that, as a rule of proportion, one half of that amount be advanced as a Loan, without interest, the other half being previously paid off by the applicants. There is reason to hope, that many Trustees will raise a larger proportion than one-half. Arrangements of this kind will, of course, extend the advantages of the Fund much farther than if a smaller proportion were raised by the Trustees in the first instance, and will render the re-payments much easier and safer. But the Sub-Committee recommend that all Trustees, who are prepared to meet Loans by an effort of their own, be encouraged to apply for assistance.

2. All Loans to be re-paid by half-yearly Instalments, such Instalments to extend over a period to be agreed upon, but never exceeding ten years: the whole amount remaining unpaid to be immediately recoverable, in default of payment of any Instalment.

3. Satisfactory security to be given by the applicants, for the re-payment of the Loans on the terms, and at the times, agreed upon with the Committee, and for the fulfilment of the conditions which the Committee may require. The form of such security must depend very much upon the circumstances of each particular case. In some cases, the existing securities paid off by the Loans advanced may be transferred to the Committee. Or, new securities may be requisite, to be signed by the Trustees, or by the Trustees and other responsible persons.

4. Applicants to produce their Trust-Deeds, if required by the Committee.

5. Applicants to engage to maintain a reasonable system of seat-rents, and to appropriate the surplus income of their Trust-Property so far as circumstances will justify, to the support and extension of the work of God in their Circuits, or in connexion with our General Institutions.

(II.) AS TO CONNEXIONAL AID TOWARDS NEW ERECTIONS, &c.

1. That the annual Income of the Fund arising from Subscriptions and Collections, subject to the previous provisions for incidental expenses and for annual and final Grants, and also a sum not exceeding one-tenth of the remainder of the Fund, may, from time to time, at the discretion of the Committee, be devoted towards aiding in the erection, purchase, or enlargement of chapels.

2. As the sum thus to be appropriated will, necessarily, be limited, some special ground of application should be indicated; and the Trustees should be required to raise not less than three-fourths of the proposed outlay. In any such case, a sum not exceeding one-fourth of the entire outlay may be lent without interest, on terms similar, so far as applicable, to those provided as to loans for relief. In any very special case, the Committee may, out of the above Income, make a small Grant for the purpose.

IV. LOCAL PLANS OF RELIEF. As these arrangements for affording assistance to Trust-Estates are designed to encourage local efforts, and cannot be carried out without them, it is of importance that all who desire to avail themselves of Connexional aid should proceed, without delay, to the adoption of such local scheme as may be best suited to their own views and circumstances. Many of the local plans, which have been briefly indicated in the former part of this Report, will furnish valuable suggestions for the purpose. But the system of Circuit co-operation which, for several years, has been pursued in many Circuits, with great success, appears to the Sub-Committee deserving of special attention, as offering an easy and effectual mode, both of obtaining funds and of diffusing relief. On this plan, the several Trusts in a Circuit

unite to raise a sum, which, aided by a Connexional Loan, is appropriated either to a *pro-rata* reduction of debt on their several chapels, or to the payment of the whole debt on each chapel in succession, as may be determined.

V. *Regulations as to FUTURE ERECTIONS, ENLARGEMENTS, &c.* In the foregoing scheme, prominence has been given to the subject of Chapel-Relief; but the Sub-Committee are of opinion, that all efforts for this object will be comparatively futile, unless an improved system be kindly, but resolutely, enforced. The Sub-Committee therefore recommend:—

1. That no Chapel, the entire cost of which shall not exceed £200, and no School-Room whatever, shall be erected or purchased, unless the Committee are satisfied that three-fourths of the outlay is secured, when the consent of the Committee shall be requested, and that the remainder will be defrayed within six months after the opening of such Chapel or School-Room.

2. That no other Chapel or property be erected or purchased, nor any Chapel or property enlarged or altered, unless the Committee are satisfied, either that the entire outlay will be defrayed within twelve months after the opening, or that three-fourths of such outlay will be defrayed within such period of twelve months, and the remainder within a definite term of years to be agreed upon with the Committee.

3. If any property be subject to ground-rent, or similar incumbrance, the value thereof shall be estimated as part of the outlay.

4. The Committee shall be satisfied, before giving its sanction to any case, that all land required for the purpose is, or will be, legally secured to the intended object; and drafts of all deeds to be executed on the occasion shall be forwarded to the Committee for examination.

5. No Superintendent shall permit the occupation, for Connexional purposes, of any property affected by the preceding rules, until he has obtained the formal consent of the Committee.

6. No Trustees violating any of the preceding rules shall, in any emergency, receive any assistance from the Chapel-Fund, unless the Conference, upon a special representation of the circumstances of the case by the Committee, shall authorize such assistance.

VI. *Regulations as to the BETTER MANAGEMENT OF TRUST-PROPERTY.* The Sub-Committee are of opinion, that the great object contemplated by the present movement will be altogether frustrated, unless an improved system of Connexional oversight and local management be adopted. It is therefore recommended,

1. That a uniform set of Cash and Minute Books be provided for the use of Trustees' Stewards.

2. That a Meeting be held, in the early part of every year, of the Trustees and Stewards of each chapel, at which Meeting the annual accounts shall be audited. Minutes of such Meetings to be taken and preserved.

3. That a *United Meeting* of the Treasurers of each Trust-Estate, and of as many of the Trustees as can attend, be annually held in every Circuit, on some day of April, to be fixed at the March Quarterly Meeting; at which Trustees' Meeting, the Treasurers' Books shall be examined, and a record of particulars entered in a general *Ledger*, to be carefully kept by a Secretary appointed for the purpose.

4. That a *Schedule*, duly filled up from the Circuit-Ledger, be forwarded every year from each Circuit, to a District Sub-Committee, to consist of the Chairman of the District, and two Ministers and three Laymen appointed at the Financial District-Meeting; one of the Ministers to be a Chapel-Secretary for the District. This Committee to meet the day before the District-Meeting in May, to examine the Schedules, and to bring before that Meeting any inquiries or suggestions arising out of such examination.

5. That the Superintendents of Circuits be responsible for forwarding these Chapel-Schedules to the District Chapel-Secretary, by whom they shall be

transmitted, with other Chapel-Documents, as early as possible after the District-Meeting, to the Acting Secretary of the Wesleyan Chapel-Committee. The Schedules to be formed into a volume yearly, and preserved.

6. That for the more effectual carrying out of the entire Scheme of Chapel-Improvement, a series of papers on Chapel-Affairs be issued periodically:

7. That the existing rules connected with Chapel-Affairs be carefully revised, and, where not superseded, incorporated with the new arrangements; and that the Chapel-Schedules, so far as necessary, be revised and altered.

V.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINGENT FUND,

HELD IN BIRMINGHAM, THURSDAY, JULY 20TH, AND BY
ADJOURNMENT ON FRIDAY EVENING, THE 21ST.

PRESENT: the PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the Conference, the Ex-President, the Secretaries of the Fund, the Treasurers and Secretaries of the Children's Fund, with sixteen Ministers, and fifteen Circuit-Stewards, chosen by their District-Meetings in May, as specified in the Minutes of Conference the last year.

The applications to the Fund for expenses incurred by the removal of Ministers from the poorer Circuits, by afflictions of Ministers and their families in Circuits too poor to meet these expenses, and by sundry Miscellaneous and Contingent expenditure, with the sums recommended by the District-Meetings to be granted in each case, were examined and determined. These *Extraordinaries* amount this year to £2,775. 8s. 7d. Towards these expenses, only £813 was reserved. This will occasion, as was foreseen, a considerable deficiency in this Fund.

The Committee heard with much satisfaction, that the moiety of the Grants to the Districts for which the Fund could not provide last year, had been nearly raised in the Districts themselves; each District, except a few of the poorest, having raised its own half of the Grant, and a few Districts having generously raised a surplus, and paid it to the Treasurers; so that, when the accounts are completed, it is hoped the deficiency will not be considerable.

It was stated to the Committee, that public Meetings had been held in various Circuits the last year, partly to provide the deficient moiety, and partly to raise a surplus for the benefit of the Fund; that these Meetings had been well attended; and that statements of the wants and claims of the home-work to a more liberal support had been heard with great attention, and excited much interest. The Committee were generally of opinion that such Meetings are greatly wanted, to communicate information, and kindle in our Societies and Congregations a more ardent zeal to spread the Gospel amidst the crowded populations of our towns,

and the scattered people in the rural districts, and that they could be held in most Circuits with great advantage.

An abstract of the *Report of the Special Committee of Finance* was read to the Meeting, and considered; when, by a Resolution which passed unanimously, it was approved, and recommended to the adoption of the Conference.

VI.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF FINANCE,

APPOINTED BY THE LAST CONFERENCE TO "CONSIDER IN WHAT MANNER THE PROCEEDS OF THE CONTINGENT FUND MAY BE MOST EQUITABLY AND BENEFICIALLY DISTRIBUTED."

THE *Sub-Committee*, also appointed by the Conference, met in Manchester, on Thursday, September 1st, 1853. PRESENT: the President of the Conference, the REV. JOHN LOMAS; the Secretary, the REV. JOHN FARRAR; the Ex-President, the Rev. John Scott; the Treasurers and Secretaries of the Contingent Fund; the Revs. Dr. Bunting, Dr. Beecham, Dr. Hannah, Isaac Keeling, Charles Prest, Frederick J. Jobson, Samuel D. Waddy, Francis A. West; with Messrs. John Burton, Thomas Farmer, James Heald, J. Robinson Kay, John D. Burton, T. Percival Bunting, John Vanner, and Thomas Wade. After lengthened deliberation, the Sub-Committee agreed to the following document, which was addressed to the Chairmen of Districts, and Superintendents of Circuits, to be also submitted to the September District-Meetings. Its statements and suggestions refer, I. To the relief of the Contingent Fund, by the providing of houses for newly-married Ministers, and a revised Distribution of Grants to the Districts; and, II. To the particular mode of meeting the financial difficulties of the Fund *for the current year*. The Document is as follows:—

I. The present state of the Contingent Fund may be given in few words.

The income for the year is estimated at £9,695. The payments for Extraordinaries, taking an average of ten years, (from 1841 to 1850 inclusive,) have been £2,414. 10s. per annum; or, if an average of the last seven years be taken, (from 1845 to 1851 inclusive,) £2,557. 8s. 5d. per annum. According to rule, and to prevent debt, this amount ought to be reserved.

On the supposition that no special Grants be made to Circuits, (from which regulation there has been a deviation during the last two years, involving an expenditure of £1,621,) the account will stand thus:—

	£.
Income	9,695
Reserved for Extraordinaries	2,414
Grant to Ireland	650
	<hr/> 3,064
Available for Distribution among the Districts.....	<hr/> £6,631

But, according to the present arrangement, there must be deducted from this sum £5,240, to be paid to Married Ministers for whom no houses are provided by the Circuits; which leaves only £1,391 to be distributed among the necessitous Circuits.

The sum allotted to the Districts for distribution to those Circuits, additional to what was paid to Married Ministers without houses, was in 1851, £4,209; and in 1852, £4,770. This was a much smaller amount than had been granted to the Circuits in former years, and many of the poorer Circuits painfully felt the reduction. Taking an average of five years before 1846, (from 1841 to 1845 inclusive,) the sum granted each year to the Districts for Ordinaries, besides what was paid to newly-married men, was £6,507. The reduction of this amount to £4,009—being less than the former sum by more than one-third—left nothing available for the extension of the work of God, and at the same time, in many Circuits, greatly embarrassed the local finances. But in order to pay this reduced amount during the last two years, the Fund has been deeply involved in debt: the deficiency in 1851 was £2,584. 2s. 10d., and in 1852, £2,193. 15s. 9d., making a total deficiency of £4,777. 18s. 7d. accumulated in the short space of two years.

The immediate and principal cause of this embarrassment, and that which now absorbs all the available proceeds of the Fund, except the very inadequate sum of £1,391, has been the rapid and large increase of the amount required as payment to Married Ministers for whom the Circuits provide no residence, and to whom they pay only the allowances of Single men. In 1841, £1,453 was paid on this account; and in 1851, only ten years afterwards, that sum was £4,099: whilst there was a further and more rapid increase the next two years; for, in 1852, it amounted to £5,066, and this year to £5,240.

It is further apparent that two processes have been silently operating for several years as remoter causes of this embarrassment.

1. By sanguine representations of opening and promising prospects of usefulness, and by urgent entreaty, Circuits have induced the Conference to call out and appoint Single men, and then, in many cases, the necessary local efforts have not been employed to provide, at the proper time, for their support as Married Ministers: the consequence is, they have been thrown upon the Connexion to be provided for by other Circuits, or at the expense of the Contingent Fund. This has been subsequently repeated: the same Circuits, in apparently improved circumstances, have again urged and again obtained the appointment of Single men, again to be returned to the Connexion in four years to be provided for as Married men. For a series of years this has been the course pursued by several Circuits.

2. Other Circuits, when they have felt the pressure, more or less, of pecuniary difficulties, and could not, by representation of their case at the Financial District-Meetings, obtain a Grant so large as they thought was necessary to relieve them from embarrassment, have quietly, without any investigation of their case at the Annual District-Meetings, evaded the obligation to make suitable provision for the Ministers they employ, by giving up a house, in some cases selling the furniture to pay deficiencies, and in others applying it the better to furnish the other Ministers' residences; whilst this obligation has been thrown, partly on the Minister, by paying him only the allowance of a Single man instead of that of a Married man, and partly on the Contingent Fund, which, in order to meet this deficiency in part, has been compelled to pay £24, £35, or £40 per annum, to such Minister, according to the number of years he has travelled, as an equivalent for house-rent, quarterage for his wife, and servant's wages.

These two causes have operated very extensively to remove the charge of maintaining the Ministry from the Circuits, upon which, in all fairness and equity it ought to rest, and to devolve it on the Fund which was designed to enlarge the work of God, as well as to meet the Contingent expenses of the

Connexion. This Fund is now, in consequence, charged in great part with the regular maintenance of one hundred and thirty-four Ministers; whilst Circuits which have laudably struggled to maintain their Ministers, and could do so with some assistance, cannot now receive such assistance without plunging the Fund still more deeply in debt.

It is very evident that this system cannot longer be continued without great embarrassment and discredit: the Conference has, therefore, resolved, on the recommendation of the Special Committee of Finance, that it shall be changed.

The desire to extend the work of God in a locality, by entering doors of usefulness which Providence may have opened, is a feeling which no Committee, appointed to care for Methodism, could wish to repress or check;—Christianity inspires it, it belongs to our religion; and this Committee is persuaded that the Wesleyan Connexion could not long survive, did it cease to seek to promote the glory of God in the salvation of the souls of unconverted men. But the efforts of a Christian people to advance this object must be essentially faulty if undertaken or carried on solely or mainly in reliance on the liberality of others, rather than on the generous and continued application of their own resources, as far as these can be available for the work which they seek to accomplish.

To rectify our present financial system in this department, it has been determined that each Circuit shall, after this year, take upon itself the responsibility of providing for its own Ministers; with the understanding, however, that infant and necessitous Circuits shall be allowed to receive assistance from the Contingent Fund, so long as a pressing necessity can be proved to exist. The Contingent Fund can then be applied, through means of the Financial District-Meetings, in aid of local exertions, or devoted strictly to Home-Missionary undertakings; always excepting such an amount as must be reserved to meet the Contingent expenses of the Connexion.

To facilitate the successful prosecution of this plan, and to promote such a distribution of the proceeds of the Contingent Fund as shall be most equitable and beneficial, this Sub-Committee recommends that at the Financial District-Meetings, to be held during the present month, a small Committee, consisting of two Ministers and two Laymen, with the Chairman of the District, be appointed. The attention of the District-Meetings and of these Committees is earnestly requested to the following particulars:—

1. Their utmost endeavours should be used to induce every Circuit in which a Married Minister without a house is now stationed, to provide and furnish a house *in the course of the present year*. Towards the expenses thus incurred, each Circuit will be entitled to receive from the Contingent Fund the sum of £50, when it shall have been certified to the Treasurers that the house is provided and suitably furnished.

2. In arranging the scale of allowances to be paid in future to such Minister, the Circuit must in every case be responsible for the payment of the rent of the house, and the taxes.

3. As the payments of £24, £35, and £40, made by the Contingent Fund to newly-married men, were designed not only to meet the expense of furnished lodgings, but also to provide, at least in part, the quarterage of the Ministers' wives, servants' wages, and other allowances usually made in Circuits, it will only be equitable that the junior Ministers should receive, as the lowest amount of salary, as much as under the former system of payment.

4. All Circuits should endeavour, as soon as their finances will admit of such arrangement, to place the junior Married Ministers on the same scale of allowances as the other Ministers.

5. This District-Committee should also carefully inquire whether Circuits in which Single men are at present stationed, may not reasonably be requested to provide at once for Married Ministers, with such aid from the Fund as they

may receive ; and, further, in order that the distribution of the Fund may be thoroughly revised, where Grants are now received, the Committee should ascertain whether such Grant, or Grants to the present amount, are necessary.

6. Each Circuit should then state, in a Schedule which will be prepared and sent to the Stewards, the entire amount which it agrees to pay to the junior Ministers, and also what is now actually paid to the other Ministers.

7. Each Circuit should also enter in the Schedule the sum which it will undertake to contribute towards this expenditure, and all the particulars of the Circuit-income. These details of income and of expenditure will be required from all Circuits which, in any way, may receive assistance from the Fund.

The amount of deficiency will then be apparent. To meet this, according to the statement before made, the sum available from the Contingent Fund is £6,631. In the distribution of this or of any larger amount which may in future be raised, the claims of Circuits which have provided houses, and which have also employed laudable exertions to raise an income for the suitable maintenance of the Ministers stationed among them, should be first regarded. Zeal and liberality will justly entitle such Circuits to this prior consideration and encouragement.

The Sub-Committee feel assured that no District will propose, *without mature consideration*, to withdraw from any portion of the home-field, and abandon places which, at present, do not appear to repay cultivation : the hope is confidently indulged that, in any new and better arrangement for the distribution of the proceeds of the Contingent Fund, the claims of country Circuits, composed principally of villages, in which are found many of the active and godly members of our community, shedding Christian light and religious influence in their several localities, will be duly considered. This class of Circuits should have the second claim to attention.

Yet, with due consideration given to the work of God in this class of Circuits, it may be a question whether, by uniting two small Circuits, or by attaching a small and feeble Circuit to a larger and contiguous one, or even relinquishing some unproductive places, a Minister may not, without injury, be in some cases withdrawn, the work consolidated, and greater energy directed to those places which shall be retained for cultivation.

In order to afford advice to the Circuits which are now about to furnish houses, and are preparing to make suitable provision for the maintenance of their Ministers, as well as to encourage them to proceed heartily in this work, a Deputation consisting of one or two members of the small District-Committee should, in addition to their correspondence with the Ministers and Circuit-Stewards, at a suitable time, visit such Circuits.

These new arrangements should be considered and completed, so as to receive the approval of the Circuit Quarterly-Meetings at Christmas. When the small District-Committees shall have received the Schedules containing the arrangements, they may suggest to the Circuits any modification of their proposals which may be deemed advisable : these, if adopted, should be approved by the Quarterly Meetings in March ; and when they have been considered and approved by the Annual District-Meetings in May next, they shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Conference.

Schedules properly prepared shall be sent to the Committees of the Districts, to be by them forwarded to the several Circuits.

While the Sub-Committee thinks this new plan perfectly practicable, especially as it confidently hopes for an increase of income to the Contingent Fund in future years, and also that a part of the proceeds of the Relief and Extension Fund will be given, to augment for a year or two the Contingent Fund, so as the more readily to carry the Circuits through this transition-state, yet it would be misleading and injurious should the Circuits indulge extravagant expectations of large future assistance from the Fund, and rely on this assistance rather than on their own exertions in arranging their plans for the

future support of their Ministers. It is, therefore, hoped that in their communications with the Circuits, the Chairmen and Committees will encourage only reasonable expectations.

II. The District-Meetings will perceive, in the Report of the Contingent Fund presented this year in the Minutes of Conference, and especially by the small amount which could be promised to the Districts, as stated in the second column, (see Minutes, 1853, p. 266,) as compared with the amount of Grants, (although the sum reserved for Extraordinaries is only £813, instead of £2,414,) the serious state of embarrassment in which the Fund is now involved.

The Sub-Committee beg to submit to the District-Meetings whether this is not a fitting occasion to place before our Societies and Congregations the claims of our home-work to cheerful and more liberal support. This should be done by holding a public Meeting in each of the larger and wealthier Circuits, before the next May District-Meeting, in order that the claimant Circuits may be assured that they will receive the full amount apportioned at the Financial District-Meeting. The means of carrying on Foreign Missions, and of all public as well as local usefulness, must soon decline unless the home-work be maintained in full efficiency.

Should it be deemed impracticable in some Circuits, this year, to hold such Meetings, or should some other means of raising the deficient sum be preferred, it is earnestly hoped that every exertion will be put forth to prevent the dependent Circuits from sustaining the injury which must be the consequence of their not receiving the whole amount which the Distribution-Committee deemed reasonable.

In some Districts there are not many dependent Circuits: they will, therefore, not be called to raise a large sum for their own immediate necessities; yet, as some of the more needy Districts may not be able, within their own limits, to raise an amount sufficient to supply the other half of the Grant due to them, it is hoped that the abler Districts will kindly act on the Connexional principle, and contribute to their assistance. The sum raised in any District above the moiety of the Grant should be remitted to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund; such surplus to be applied to the relief of the poorer Districts. Should any District raise less than last year to the Yearly Collection, a corresponding deduction, as in former years, must be made from the Grant.

According to the intimation given in the preceding Document, Schedules were sent to all the Circuits receiving Connexional assistance, whether in the form of a Grant from the Contingent Fund, or by the appointment of a Single instead of a Married Minister; and these, duly filled up, having been considered by the District-Committees, were returned to the Secretary of the Conference. The opinions of the District-Meetings on the proposals made by the several Circuits were also received.

These Documents were taken into very careful consideration by the COMMITTEE, at a Meeting held in London, on Tuesday, June 6th, and the four following days. PRESENT: REV. JOHN LOMAS, President of the Conference; REV. JOHN FARRAR, Secretary; Rev. John Scott, Ex-President; Rev. Joseph Cusworth, Treasurer of the Fund; Revs. Dr. Bunting, Dr. Beecham, William Barton, John Bowers, William Kelk, John Mason, Charles Prest, and Francis A. West:

with T. Percival Bunting, Manchester; John Farnworth, and Samuel R. Healey, Liverpool; John Jones, Merthyr Tydvil; J. Robinson Kay, Bury; Samuel H. Smith, Sheffield; John Vanner, London; Thomas Wade, Selby; and Ralph Wilson, Newcastle.

From the communications laid before the Meeting, it appeared that, by the time of Conference, fifty new houses will be furnished for the accommodation of Ministers and their families, in as many different Circuits. The proffered sum of fifty pounds for each house towards the expense of furnishing is, in most cases, requested; but in each of the following Circuits a Minister's house will be furnished without expense to any Connexional Fund:—Bristol North, Bristol South, Kingswood, Banwell, Stroud, Ledbury, and Nottingham South.

Assuming it as an established principle that, in the distribution of Grants to the Districts, the probable income of the year must not be exceeded, the Committee found that, reserving the sum of £2,400, as shown above, for Extraordinaries, an amount, less by about £3,000 than was divided last year, (*including the second moiety*.) recommended to be raised by special effort in the Districts, would be *this year* at the disposal of the "Committee of Distribution;" and this would require, *as a general rule*, a deduction of two-fifths from the sum apportioned to each District *the last year*. Upon this principle, therefore, of allowing to each District three-fifths of the amount which it received last year, *for ordinary Circuit-deficiencies, and for Married Ministers without houses*, (supposing the same number of Married Ministers to be stationed in the District this year as the last,) the Committee proceeded to their allotted task. They examined the *Return* from each Circuit in each District; noted carefully the amounts of Income and Expenditure, to ascertain the deficiency in each case; considered the amount requested by the Circuit, and the sum recommended by the District-Meeting; recorded, in Schedules provided for the purpose, the information thus obtained; and then entered in a separate column the sum which *they recommend* to be granted, as a fair proportion of the amount available for distribution by the Districts, from the Contingent Fund. When the sums thus allocated to the Circuits were added up, it was found that in almost every case the total sum recommended by the Committee to be granted to each District *exceeded* the sum (with two-fifths deducted) which was granted last year. These excesses amounted to about £1,000. The Committee do not recommend a deduction to be made from the sums granted last year to the Second South Wales, the North Wales, Edinburgh and Aberdeen, and Shetland Isles Districts, nor from the Grant made to Ireland.

The Committee were anxious, as set forth in the foregoing

"Document," that in the distribution of the Fund "the claims of Circuits which have provided houses, and also employed laudable exertions to raise an income for the suitable maintenance of the Ministers stationed among them, should be first regarded." Finding, however, that, through the insufficiency of the Fund, this could be only partially done, except by withdrawing support, to a distressing degree, from the poorer Circuits, the Committee were induced to recommend that sums of different amounts should be paid to Circuits of this class, in addition to what could be appropriated from the Contingent Fund, in the hope that the "Relief and Extension Fund" will *this year* afford such assistance. The sums so recommended amount to £900.

As the sums recommended have been very carefully considered, with reference both to the income and expenditure of the particular localities, and the claims of other localities, the Committee believe that these recommendations make as near an approach to equity as perhaps is possible, unless the *Returns* could be rendered more perfect than in a few cases they are. They therefore think that no good purpose could be answered by a reconsideration of the case of each Circuit this year, with a view to lessen the amount of Grants, until the total shall come *within the available sum*: they are of opinion that the fairest as well as shortest way will be, to deduct such a per centage from the Grants to the Districts, as will make the anticipated income and the expenditure equal. *One-seventh* deducted from the proposed Grants, should the figures ultimately appear as at present, will nearly produce this equality.

In pursuing the examinations here mentioned, the Committee were led to consider the question, whether different Circuit-arrangements, in some cases, might not materially relieve the expenditure without injury, or rather with benefit, to the work of God. With a view to this object, they agreed to certain suggestions and recommendations, which will be submitted to the Conference through the medium of their Minutes.

VII.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF DISTRIBUTION,

HELD IN BIRMINGHAM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH.

PRESENT: the PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY of the Conference,

the Ex-President, the Representatives, Chairmen, and Financial Secretaries of Districts ; with Messrs. Clement Heeley, W. Perks, Souter, and M'Turk, of Birmingham.

The probable Income of the ensuing year was duly estimated, to ascertain the sum which would be available for the several purposes to which the Contingent Fund is applied. This it is hoped will amount to £10,012.

A Reserve of £2,400 from this sum is required to meet *extraordinary payments* at the end of the year. This leaves £7,612 to be now allotted to the Districts, for distribution among the claimant Circuits at the next September District-Meetings.

An abstract of the Report of the Special Committee of Finance was then read to the Meeting ; when it was agreed to adopt the recommendations of that Committee as the basis of the present distribution, and generally to grant to each District the sum so recommended ; but still to proceed through the several Districts, and take into consideration the changes which have been made by the appointment of Ministers at the present Conference.

It appears that sixty-three Married Ministers are still unprovided with houses, and are stationed where, at present, there is not a larger income than will maintain Single men. The Special Committee of Finance had provided for thirty-one of these cases in the general distribution, by apportioning to certain Circuits, where they were of opinion that Married and not Single Ministers should be stationed, sums to enable those Circuits to provide for Married Ministers ; and they had included these in the Grants to the Districts. The remaining thirty-two cases had still to be considered, and a sum in each case added to the District-Grant for Ordinary Deficiencies. When the claims of all the Districts had been thus determined, it was found that more by £1,000 had been apportioned than was available, and that a deduction from these Grants was required, to bring the expenditure within the probable income of the year.

In consequence of the insufficient amount received last year for Extraordinaries, a deficiency, as was expected, appears on the last year's accounts, and a balance is due to the Treasurers of £1,396. 15s. 11d. To provide in full for this deficiency, *in one year*, by a deduction from the District-Grants to this amount, would, the Committee feel assured, inflict considerable suffering upon Ministers and people, in many Circuits. They therefore recommend that a part only shall be provided for, by reduction of the Grants for the present year. It appeared that a deduction of one-eighth from the amounts which the Committee had allowed, would bring the Expenditure of the year within the Income, and leave a small balance towards the liquidation

of the debt. A deduction of one-eighth was agreed to accordingly.

The account then stands as follows:—

Probable Income for 1855.

	£.	s.	d.
Yearly Collection.....	5,741	0	0
July or Home-Mission Collection	3,501	0	0
Payment by the Missionary Committee, in compensation for returned Missionaries, taken into the work at home	770	0	0
	10,012	0	0
Reserved for Extraordinaries	2,400	0	0
	£7,612	0	0

Districts.

	£.	s.	d.
1 London	492	0	0
2 Bedford and Northampton.....	253	0	0
3 Kent	162	0	0
4 Norwich and Lynn	332	0	0
5 Oxford	287	6	0
6 Portsmouth	184	0	0
7 Channel Islands	35	0	0
8 Devonport	206	0	0
9 Cornwall	176	0	0
10 Exeter	249	0	0
11 Bristol	359	0	0
12 Bath	132	0	0
13 First South Wales	118	0	0
14 Second South Wales.....	290	0	0
15 North Wales.....	264	0	0
16 Birmingham and Shrewsbury	261	0	0
17 Macclesfield	223	0	0
18 Liverpool	287	0	0
19 Manchester and Bolton	161	0	0
20 Halifax and Bradford	111	0	0
21 Leeds	95	0	0
22 Sheffield.....	183	0	0
23 Nottingham and Derby	279	0	0
24 Lincoln	109	0	0
25 Hull	91	0	0
26 York	35	0	0
27 Whitby and Darlington	153	0	0
28 Newcastle-upon-Tyne	213	0	0

	£.	s.	d.
29 Carlisle	280	0	0
30 Isle of Man			
31 Edinburgh and Aberdeen.....	480	0	0
32 Shetland.....	350	0	0
Ireland	650	0	0
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	7,499	0	0
Reserved towards the liquidation of the debt	113	0	0
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	£7,612	0	0
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The Committee learn with great satisfaction, that the Treasurers of the "Relief and Extension Fund" have agreed to pay *this year* the sum of £900 from that Fund, to augment the Grants from the Contingent Fund to Circuits which have furnished houses and taken an additional Married Minister. This will afford important aid to Circuits at present dependent on Connexional assistance. The Special Finance Committee had provisionally allotted this sum, and this Committee adopts these appropriations, and recommends that these sums, as also the Grants for Furniture, be accounted for to the Committee of the Relief-Fund, and remitted to the Circuits separately, at the times when the instalments from the Contingent Fund are paid.

As the sums granted from the Contingent Fund towards the maintenance of Married Ministers without houses are no longer, as formerly, paid directly to those Ministers, but included in the District-Grants to be paid to the Circuits, *to enable them* suitably to provide for their Ministers, the Committee hope that the Chairmen, at the September District-Meetings, will duly enjoin upon the Circuits a faithful application of these Grants to this purpose.

From their examination of the pecuniary necessities of the Circuits in the several Districts, the Committee are convinced that the Grants, *before the deduction of one eighth part*, were considerably less than were required to meet those necessities; and they are assured that this reduction will press with painful weight upon many of the smaller Circuits. They therefore recommend that the Conference authorize the Districts, if willing to do so, to raise an amount of at least one-eighth of the District-Grant, by any special means which may appear best, to be added to the Grants to the poorer Circuits.

VIII.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WORN-
OUT MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS'
AUXILIARY FUND,

HELD IN BIRMINGHAM, SATURDAY, JULY 22D, 1854.

THE REV. JOHN LOMAS occupied the Chair, and the following members of Committee were present; viz.,—the Rev. Messrs. J. Farrar, J. Scott, Dr. Beecham, Dr. Bunting, Dr. Hannah, Thomas Harris, J. P. Haswell, Thomas Jackson, Samuel Jackson, Isaac Keeling, John Mason, and William Naylor; and the following gentlemen,—Messrs. John Burton, J. R. Kay, R. F. Sturges, (in the place of Mr. Robert Abbott,) F. Riggall, S. H. Smith, Thomas Wade, and R. Wilson; with the Treasurers and Secretary, and the Rev. Messrs. Masaroon and Robinson Scott from Dublin.

The Treasurers presented an estimate of the Income of this Fund for the year, and also of the various claims upon it. The Committee were gratified to learn that the Donations in the Classes were larger, in proportion to the numbers in Society, than in former years; and expressed their gratitude to God for the firm attachment and cheerful liberality of our faithful people towards those Ministers who, after spending the prime of their days in the exhausting labours of our Itinerancy, have retired from their former happy and active service; and the Committee do hereby present their cordial thanks to all the Contributors to this Fund.

It appeared, however, that the Income of the Fund is still insufficient to permit the allowances to the various claimants to be paid in full, without creating a debt of £2,800. This large deficiency led to a lengthened conversation, in which the members of the Committee expressed their deep sympathy with the aged Ministers and Widows, for whose advantage and comfort this Fund exists; but, as the Connexion has liberally extinguished the late debt of £5,717, the Committee ultimately agreed to recommend to the Conference,—That such an abridgment be made in the usual allowances to the Supernumeraries and Widows, as shall prevent the recurrence of debt; and that it be left to the Conference to determine upon the best mode of dealing with the case.

The following Resolutions were unanimously passed:—

1. That the cordial thanks of this Committee are due, and are hereby presented, to George R. Chappell, Esq., of Manchester, and the Rev. John Rattenbury, the General Treasurers; to the

Rev. Henry H. Chettle, the Secretary; and to the District Treasurers, and Circuit Treasurers, for their continued and faithful services.

2. That the very cordial thanks of the Committee be presented to those friends who, during the year, have generously and seasonably aided this Fund by Special Donations; and also to those Executors who have kindly and promptly paid sundry Legacies during the year.

IX.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION,

TOGETHER WITH THE MINISTERS AND FRIENDS DIRECTED BY THE
LAST CONFERENCE TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND, HELD IN
BIRMINGHAM, ON MONDAY, JULY 24TH, 1854.

PRESENT: the following members of Committee:—The **PRESIDENT** and the **SECRETARY** of the Conference, the Rev. John Scott, Principal, Rev. F. J. Jobson, Treasurer, Rev. M. C. Taylor, Secretary, Rev. Drs. Beecham, Bunting, and Hannah, Rev. A. Barrett, Barton, Bowers, Brailsford, Burt, Chettle, Crowther, Denison, J. Hall, Haswell, Holgate, S. Jackson, T. Jackson, Keeling, Kelk, P. M'OWan, Methley, W. Naylor, G. Osborn, Pengelly, Prest, Rattenbury, J. Rigg, Rule, J. Stephenson, Thornton, Vasey, S. D. Waddy, F. A. West, and J. Gilchrist Wilson; Messrs. Vanner, London; J. Bottom, Nottingham; J. S. Budgett, Bristol; T. P. Bunting, Manchester; John Burton, Leeds; T. Davies, Wednesbury; S. R. Healey, Liverpool; John Irving, Bristol; J. C. Kay, and J. R. Kay, Bury; F. Parnell, Manchester; S. H. Smith, Sheffield; R. F. Sturges, Birmingham; T. Wade, Selby; T. Walker, Cheltenham; and R. Wilson, Newcastle.

The following Ministers and Gentlemen, invited in pursuance of the above direction, were also present:—Rev. W. Allen, Bacon, Bedford, C. Cooke, H. Davies, P. Duncan, T. Dunn, Hargreaves, Hobson, G. Jackson, R. Jackson, J. Kirk, Laycock, MacBrair, G. Marsden, T. Nightingale, Rosser, Scholes, G. Scott, Sherwell, J. Smith, Stinson, T. Thompson, S. Tindall, E. Walker, T. Woolmer; Messrs. T. Bagnall, West Bromwich; B. Bloomer, Dudley; J. Brewer, Walsall; Cartwright, Birmingham; Cox, Tipton; C. and F. Heeley, Birmingham; G. Horsfield, Manchester; W. Perks, Birmingham; E. Smith, Madeley; W. Turner, Derby; Dr. Waddy, and H. Yates, Birmingham.

The Minutes of the Managing Committee's proceedings during

the year, with the Minutes of a Sub-Committee of Finance, and of the Sub-Committee for the Examination of Candidates, were read. It appeared that the Westminster Institution has in residence its full complement of Students,—sixty males and forty females; that, for the year ending December, 1853, the cost of the Institution was £3,959. 15s. 11d., towards which it had itself raised £2,036; that during the same period the Committee had sent out fifty-six trained Students as Teachers; that thirty-four new Schools had been opened in connexion with the Committee; that Outfit Grants had been made to twenty-one Schools; and that correspondence had been held with the Committee of Council with regard to the appointment of an additional Inspector. The Financial Statement was laid before the Meeting, showing that all the cost of *building* the Institution and Schools was defrayed, and also a portion of the cost of *furnishing* and *fitting* them up, but that a considerable sum remained due on the latter account. The Statistics of Wesleyan Week-Day and Sabbath Schools (which will be published in full in the next Annual Report) were also read; indicating a gratifying increase in the number both of Day and Sabbath Scholars.

The following Resolutions were then unanimously passed:—

1. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Bunting, seconded by J. Robinson Kay, Esq., supported by R. F. Sturges, Esq., and the Rev. Dr. Beecham:

That this Meeting receives, with earnest gratitude to Almighty God, the Report furnished by the narrative of the Committee's proceedings now read; and rejoices in the satisfactory and prosperous condition of the Normal Institution at Westminster, which is already filled with Students under training for the teaching of Week-Day Schools.

2. On the motion of Thomas Wade, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hannah, supported by J. Clarkson Kay, Esq.:

That this Meeting approves of the course pursued by the Acting Committee, in deferring the application which the last Conference directed to be made for public Meetings, to be held in those Circuits where such have not been held already, on behalf of the Normal Institution Buildings, lest such Meetings should at all interfere with the important arrangements of the Connexional Relief and Extension Fund; but, considering the necessity of defraying the entire expense incurred by the fitting up and furnishing of the Normal Institution, and the desirableness of including in the next printed Report all the lists of contributors to the Institution, earnestly recommends to the Conference that the direction formerly given should be repeated this year, and that suitable means should be employed for securing the holding of all the remaining Meetings within the next six months.

3. On the motion of the Rev. John Farrar, seconded by the Rev. John Rattenbury, supported by Francis Parnell, Esq.:

That this Committee, having learned from the Report that, of the 401,763 children in the Wesleyan Sabbath-Schools, not more than 42,076 are now receiving instruction in the Week-Day Schools of the Connexion; and recognising the imperative obligation to provide for the education of the children of our own people, and also to perform our part in meeting the educational necessities of the children of the poor in this country at large; earnestly recommends to the Conference that suitable measures be adopted to promote the more general establishment of Week-Day Schools.

4. On the motion of the Rev. Thomas Jackson, seconded by Thomas Walker, Esq., supported by Mr. Perks:

That the cordial thanks of the Committee be presented to the Rev. John Scott, for the faithful and valuable services which he has rendered to the cause of Wesleyan Education during the past year, as Principal of the Normal Institution, and Chairman of the General Education Committee.

5. On the motion of the Rev. Isaac Denison, seconded by William Turner, Esq., supported by Mr. Horsfield and the Rev. W. Brailsford:

That the thanks of the Committee be presented to the Treasurers, the Secretary, and the Acting Committee, for the diligence and efficiency with which they have fulfilled their respective duties during the year.

SCHEDULES OF ACCOUNTS.

SCHEDULE A.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE CONTINGENT FUND,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING AT THE CONFERENCE OF 1854.
WITH AN ADDITIONAL COLUMN FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

1.—ORDINARIES.

CIRCUITS.	No.	Yearly Collection.	Grants.	July Collection.	Spec. Cola. and Subs.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<i>I. London District.</i>					
First London	2026	73 0 0		34 13 7	30 0 0
Richmond	102	6 18 0		4 15 0	5 0 0
Uxbridge	70	1 10 6	20 0 0	1 6 0	2 0 0
Second London	977	31 0 0		19 6 4	15 0 0
Third London	1310	37 13 0		33 0 4	15 0 0
Fourth London	910	30 0 0		15 16 6	15 0 0
Fifth London	1762	60 6 6		31 19 9	30 0 0
Sixth London	820	28 0 0		22 7 3	15 0 0
Seventh London	758	23 13 6		16 0 0	15 0 0
Eighth London	1521	72 12 0		51 4 2	30 0 0
Deptford	445	14 0 0	40 0 0	11 5 0	5 0 0
Woolwich	396	10 11 6	40 0 0	7 12 0	5 0 0
Hammersmith	557	23 13 6		15 3 5	8 0 0
Croydon	229	6 4 0	36 0 0	4 13 0	2 0 0
Barking	175	4 1 0	24 0 0	5 10 0	2 0 0
Hertford	174	4 5 6	55 0 0	2 17 0	2 0 0
Cambridge	472	9 10 0		10 0 0	5 0 0
Windsor	270	8 0 0		5 10 6	5 0 0
Chelmsford	209	5 15 0	12 0 0	3 1 3	4 0 0
Maldon	200	3 0 0	84 0 0	2 10 0	2 0 0
Colchester	498	11 0 0	12 0 0	9 16 0	5 0 0
Manningtree	804	17 0 0	25 0 0	9 0 0	5 0 0
Ipwich	387	5 0 0	40 0 0	4 10 8	2 0 0
Hastings	458	9 14 0		9 13 0	5 0 0
Sevenoaks	278	8 4 6	40 0 0	6 0 0	2 0 0
Tunbridge-Wells	334	9 10 0	40 0 0	10 15 0	2 0 0
Lewes	128	4 18 6	30 0 0	3 7 0	2 0 0
Brighton	470	16 0 0	24 0 0	16 0 0	5 0 0
St. Alban's	468	6 5 0	40 0 0	5 9 1	4 0 0
Guildford	209	7 10 0	105 0 0	5 14 10	2 0 0
Dorking	97	2 6 6	56 0 0	2 6 0	2 0 0
Additional Subscriptions from Circuits		12 18 0			
Thomas Farmer, Esq., a Donation		50 0 0			
Totals.....	17514	614 0 6	723 0 0	381 2 8	248 0 0
<i>II. Bedford and North- ampton District.</i>					
Bedford and Ampthill ..	1127	23 0 0		14 17 6	10 0 0
Leighton-Buzzard	829	15 0 0	40 0 0	9 0 0	4 0 0
Luton	1136	25 4 5		17 0 0	10 0 0
Dunstable	952	25 2 2		14 5 0	7 0 0
St. Neots	600	10 0 0		9 2 6	5 0 0
Biggleswade	542	8 10 0	40 0 0	9 10 0	5 0 0

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly Collection.			Grants.			July Collection.			Spec. Cols. and Subs.		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Hitchin	166	3	0	0	8	0	0	3	7	0	1	0	0
Huntingdon	586	7	0	0	39	11	7	5	6	9	3	0	0
Northampton	760	14	0	0				8	16	4	5	19	0
Towcester	563	5	0	0	40	0	0	3	13	0	2	0	0
Daventry and Rugby ..	511	9	0	0	80	0	0	5	5	6	2	0	0
Newport-Pagnell	328	5	5	0	24	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0
Higham-Ferrers	360	5	0	0	10	0	0	4	15	6	2	0	0
Wellingborough	270	4	10	0	44	0	0	2	15	0	1	10	0
Kettering	174	2	10	0	24	0	0	2	5	0	1	10	0
Market-Harborough	113	2	10	0	17	10	0	2	5	0	1	0	0
Chatteris	343	4	10	0				2	17	0	2	0	0
Oundle	232	4	10	0	25	10	0	2	18	0	1	10	0
Totals	9592	173	11	7	392	11	7	120	19	1	65	0	0
III. Kent District.													
Canterbury	557	12	9	0	40	0	0	8	10	0	5	0	0
Faversham	341	8	0	0	40	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	0
Rochester	394	10	0	0	70	0	0	6	1	6	3	0	0
Gravesend	371	11	3	0	40	0	0	9	18	8	5	0	0
Sheerness	219	3	15	0				3	6	6	1	0	0
Margate	640	20	0	0				15	9	6	5	0	0
Dover	669	13	0	0				11	0	0	4	0	0
Deal	208	7	5	0	15	0	0	4	5	0	2	0	0
Rye	341	7	10	0	44	0	0	4	16	0	1	0	0
Tenterden	323	5	15	0	39	0	0	4	5	0	1	0	0
Ashford	240	4	6	0	44	0	0	2	10	0	1	0	0
Sandhurst	570	9	10	0	40	0	0	7	0	0	2	0	0
Maidstone	354	8	8	0	35	0	0	6	6	8	3	0	0
Sittingbourne	207	4	7	2	15	0	0	3	3	10	1	0	0
Boulogne	34												
Totals	5468	125	8	2	422	0	0	92	12	8	37	0	0
IV. Norwich and Lynn District.													
Norwich	322	6	10	0	59	15	0	4	0	0	5	0	0
Bungay	254	6	9	7	15	0	0	4	1	0	4	0	0
North-Walsham	324	3	0	0	55	0	0	3	10	2	2	0	0
Yarmouth	259	7	7	6	55	0	0	6	1	9	9	0	0
Lowestoff	344	6	0	0				4	4	6	4	0	0
Framlingham	237	2	10	0	40	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	0
Diss	475	7	12	0	35	7	6	4	12	0	7	4	2
Attleborough	296	4	16	7	15	12	6	3	2	4	7	16	3
Bury St. Edmund's	186	5	2	9	38	12	6	4	2	0	4	4	0
Holt	40	0	19	0	55	12	6	1	7	6	2	0	0
Lynn	474	10	10	0	50	0	0	7	7	0	10	0	0
Swaffham	320	3	10	0	30	0	0	3	0	0	2	10	0
Downham	291	5	6	6				4	3	7	1	10	0
Walsingham	348	5	2	4	68	2	6	3	10	0	4	13	7
Wisbeach	340	4	12	0	12	10	0	4	2	6	4	10	0
Thetford	500	7	10	0	40	0	0	5	0	0	3	3	0
Mildenhall	310	4	5	0	18	15	0	4	2	6	9	7	6
Ely	562	10	0	0	40	0	0	8	7	4	6	0	0
Special Contributions at the District-Meeting..											9	0	0
Totals	5882	101	3	3	629	7	6	76	14	2	96	4	6

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<i>V. Oxford District.</i>					
Oxford	386	8 5 0	24 0 0	4 4 0	12 0 0
High-Wycombe	401	7 17 0	40 0 0	5 10 0	3 12 3
Aylesbury	458	6 5 6		6 0 0	1 1 0
Witney	459	10 2 6	22 0 0	7 10 0	11 0 0
Banbury	546	9 12 0	24 0 0	6 12 0	
Kineton	223	4 5 0	7 0 0	2 15 0	
Newbury	500	13 0 0		10 0 0	10 0 0
Reading	172	5 0 0	54 0 0	4 10 0	4 5 0
Hungerford	700	12 0 0		8 15 0	10 0 0
Watlington	177	2 3 6	14 0 0	2 2 2	1 5 0
Thame	164	2 0 0	26 0 0	2 11 6	1 0 0
Brackley	467	5 1 2	40 0 0	4 13 0	
Chipping-Norton	363	4 10 0	15 0 0	4 0 0	1 10 0
Swindon	252	5 0 0	61 0 0	5 5 0	4 0 0
Wantage	415	9 2 6	57 0 0	7 17 0	1 0 0
Totals	5683	104 4 2	384 0 0	82 4 8	60 13 3
<i>VI. Portsmouth District.</i>					
Portsmouth	780	22 10 0		13 11 0	10 6 3
Gosport	140	3 10 0	28 0 0	2 10 4	1 11 4
Salisbury	650	9 0 6	30 0 0	9 0 0	8 9 0
Poole and Wareham	516	3 0 0	75 0 0	7 0 10	7 14 10
Wimborne	336	5 12 0		4 0 9	4 14 6
Ringwood	91	1 12 7	55 0 0	1 16 8	1 11 0
Newport	506	13 10 0	30 0 0	13 3 5	6 17 7
Southampton and Winchester	525	15 10 0		12 4 0	7 2 6
Andover	298	4 1 0	74 0 0	2 10 0	4 13 6
Chichester	147	3 6 0	28 0 0	5 7 3	1 19 6
Additional Subscriptions		4 12 5			
Totals	3989	91 4 6	320 0 0	71 3 6	55 0 0
<i>VII. Channel Islands District.</i>					
Guernsey, English	328	11 4 0	40 0 0	4 11 2	3 0 0
Guernsey, French	912	12 0 0		7 2 9	5 0 0
Alderney, English	37	1 0 0		0 12 7	
Alderney, French	48	1 6 6	40 0 0	0 12 0	
Jersey, English	327	11 10 0	40 0 0	5 2 0	} 12 0 0
Jersey, French	1210	19 5 0	20 0 0	8 10 0	
Additional Subscriptions		2 3 0			
Totals	2862	58 8 6	140 0 0	26 10 6	20 0 0
<i>VIII. Devonport District.</i>					
Devonport	872	18 10 0		9 14 0	12 0 0
Plymouth	833	24 0 0		13 0 0	18 10 0
Launceston	784	16 0 0		6 10 0	11 0 0
Holsworthy	547	7 15 0	40 0 0	3 0 0	4 0 0
Kilhampton	526	5 8 0		3 0 0	4 0 0
Liskeard	600	9 6 6	40 0 0	3 8 6	4 0 0
Callington	486	7 5 0	35 0 0	3 15 0	6 0 0
Tavistock	510	7 10 0	30 0 0	5 0 0	7 0 0
Camelford	266	6 14 0	75 0 0	4 10 0	5 0 0
Kingsbridge	283	5 10 0	55 0 0	4 7 0	6 0 0

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		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brizham	140	3	0	0	20	0	0	2	2	0	3	10	0
Ashburton	306	6	10	0	70	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0
Totals	6153	117	8	6	365	0	0	62	6	6	85	0	0
<i>IX. Cornwall District.</i>													
Redruth	1325	11	17	6				4	6	0	3	0	0
Camborne	1488	15	0	0				8	0	0	3	0	0
Falmouth	881	12	5	0				6	12	0	3	0	0
Truro	1349	15	5	0				11	0	0	3	0	0
Gwennap	1674	5	2	6				3	10	0			
St. Agnes	1013	7	12	0	6	0	0	3	13	0	1	0	0
St. Austle	966	13	5	0				10	4	0	1	0	0
St. Mawes	261	4	2	0	7	0	0	2	16	7			
Bodmin	590	11	5	0	40	0	0	5	10	0	1	0	0
St. Columb	329	4	0	0	24	0	0	3	0	0			
Penzance	1070	20	15	0				9	18	0	3	0	0
St. Just	1471	21	5	0				5	10	0	3	0	0
St. Ives	638	9	15	0	30	0	0	5	10	0			
Scilly Islands	99	4	0	0				2	5	5			
Helstone	1588	13	16	0	40	0	0	8	10	0			
Hayle	1128	15	5	0	9	0	0	6	10	0	9	0	0
Marazion	560	4	7	6	20	0	0	3	0	0			
Additional Subscriptions		0	10	0									
Totals	16430	189	7	6	176	0	0	99	15	0	30	0	0
<i>X. Exeter District.</i>													
Exeter	526	13	10	0	48	0	0	7	10	0	3	0	0
Tiverton	248	4	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	4	1	0
Taunton	474	15	3	0				8	16	0	3	0	0
Bridgewater	308	5	19	0	35	0	0	3	8	7	1	0	0
South-Petherton	439	4	10	0	40	0	0	2	15	0	2	0	0
Axminster	46	0	16	9	49	0	0	0	8	0	0	5	0
Budleigh-Salterton	166	4	0	0	43	0	0	2	7	6	1	0	0
Bridport	272	8	5	0	25	0	0	4	4	0	2	2	0
Barnstaple	406	6	16	0	24	0	0	5	7	6	3	0	0
South-Moulton	268	3	5	0	9	0	0	2	2	0	0	10	0
Bideford	819	9	9	0				6	12	0	3	3	0
Dunster	299	7	0	0				4	10	0	3	0	0
Oakhampton	258	3	12	0	30	0	0	3	8	0	0	10	0
Teignmouth	342	9	8	0	103	0	0	6	0	9	2	0	6
Totals	4961	95	13	9	416	0	0	62	9	4	28	11	6
<i>XI. Bristol District.</i>													
Bristol, North	910	42	0	0	60	0	0	18	14	2	15	2	0
Bristol, South	543	20	0	0	70	0	0	8	8	0	9	2	0
Kingswood	391	9	10	0	40	0	0	5	0	0	8	6	3
Banwell	312	5	10	0	40	0	0	4	2	6	3	0	0
Weston-super-Mare	124	2	10	0	20	0	0	2	0	0	2	10	0
Stroud	483	9	4	0	80	0	0	8	0	0	6	16	6
Dursley	400	7	12	0	36	0	0	6	7	0	3	10	0
Downend	304	5	0	0	80	0	0	2	15	0	2	10	0
Gloucester	420	10	0	0				9	3	5	9	0	0
Tewkesbury	251	6	0	0	13	0	0	3	14	0	3	0	0
Cheltenham	575	26	0	0	20	0	0	11	14	0	11	10	0
Newport	750	15	10	0				10	0	0	9	10	0
Cardiff	430	13	10	0	55	0	0	8	15	0	8	0	0
Bridgend	143	3	14	0	18	0	0	4	11	5	4	6	3
Monmouth	241	3	16	0	56	0	0	2	16	0	1	15	0

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		Collection.		Collection.	
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Chepstow	180	3 3 0	25 0 0	2 10 0	2 9 6
Abergavenny	167	4 0 0	30 0 0	2 3 0	2 0 0
Pontypool	787	11 14 0		8 12 0	3 10 0
Ledbury	285	3 13 0	67 0 0	2 12 0	4 0 0
Hereford	822	4 10 0	27 0 0	4 1 0	2 12 6
Totals	8018	206 16 0	737 0 0	125 18 6	112 10 0
XII. Bath District.					
Bath	510	19 0 0		9 10 0	7 7 0
Bradford	544	10 11 0		5 14 0	
Midsomer-Norton	1009	16 0 0		12 0 0	4 0 0
Frome	870	6 0 0		5 15 0	
Warminster	58	0 15 0	75 0 0	0 15 1	
Melksham	477	6 15 0	24 0 0	7 5 0	
Devizes	132	2 5 0	40 0 0	2 7 8	
Shepton-Mallet	691	9 10 0		5 16 0	
Castle-Carey	176	1 16 0	30 0 0	1 14 10	
Sherborne	541	10 0 0		6 0 0	
Weymouth	594	14 0 0		7 13 6	5 10 0
Dorchester	384	8 5 0	20 0 0	4 0 0	
Shaftesbury	690	10 10 0		6 6 0	
Glastonbury	300	5 0 0		1 10 0	
Totals	6476	120 7 0	189 0 0	76 7 1	16 17 0
XIII. First South Wales District.					
<i>(English Preaching.)</i>					
Swansea	458	12 0 0	20 0 0	9 14 7	4 15 0
Merthyr-Tydvil	321	7 7 0		4 1 0	4 15 0
Brynmawr	537	10 0 0		5 10 0	4 15 0
Brecon	210	7 0 0	30 7 0	5 11 0	4 10 0
Carmarthen	200	8 0 0	50 0 0	5 13 1	4 15 0
Haverford-West	553	14 0 0		7 0 0	4 15 0
Pembroke	408	8 15 0	46 0 0	5 0 0	4 15 0
Totals	2687	67 2 0	146 7 0	42 9 8	33 0 0
XIV. Second South Wales District.					
<i>(Welsh Preaching.)</i>					
Merthyr-Tydvil	477	6 14 6		1 11 6	
Crickhowell	450	9 15 0		1 15 0	
Cardiff	219	5 9 0		1 10 0	
Cowbridge	134	2 16 6	1 0 0	0 14 0	
Brecon	135	3 0 0	42 14 6	1 3 0	5 0 0
Llandilo	154	4 7 6	43 16 0	1 4 0	12 0 0
Carmarthen	319	6 16 0	10 17 0	2 3 0	5 8 6
Swansea	157	3 0 0	21 5 0	0 17 0	2 11 0
Lampeter and Cardigan	405	5 12 6	67 7 0	1 6 0	8 0 0
St. David's	84	2 9 6	43 10 0	0 15 0	7 0 0
Aberystwith	635	10 0 0		2 0 0	
Machynlleth	440	5 10 6	13 4 6	1 5 6	5 2 6
Llanidloes	365	4 10 6	46 6 0	1 15 0	5 10 10
Additional Subscriptions		1 16 6			
Totals	3978	71 18 0	290 0 0	17 19 0	50 12 10

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			£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.			
XV. North Wales District. (Welsh Preaching.)													
Ruthin and Denbigh ..	572	8	13	6	20	0	0	2	4	6	4	0	0
Llangollen.....	466	6	5	0	34	17	0	2	3	0	3	0	0
Corwen	174	2	11	6	60	0	0	0	17	6	2	0	0
Llanrwst	228	2	10	0	32	0	0	0	17	6	3	0	0
Abergele and Conway ..	482	6	17	0	40	0	0	1	11	0			
Holywell	689	8	3	0	12	0	0	2	11	0	3	0	0
Mold	498	8	6	0	40	0	0	2	7	0			
Llanasa	463	5	5	0				1	16	0	5	0	0
Beaumaris.....	337	5	11	0				1	1	0			
Amlwch.....	580	6	17	6	40	0	0	1	7	0			
Carnarvon	454	4	16	6				1	9	0			
Bangor	744	7	0	0				2	0	0	2	0	0
Pwllheli.....	315	3	12	0	32	0	0	1	4	6	2	0	0
Barmouth	406	5	6	0	22	0	0	1	3	6	2	0	0
Dolgelly	537	5	6	0	34	0	0	1	6	6	3	0	0
Llanfyllin	633	11	6	0	40	0	0	2	3	0			
Llanfair.....	277	5	2	0	14	0	0	1	14	0	2	0	0
Totals	7854	103	8	0	420	17	0	27	16	0	31	0	0
XVI. Birmingham and Shrewsbury District.													
Birmingham, West	1503	43	0	0				37	0	0	22	0	0
Birmingham, East	1088	23	15	0				18	12	1	10	0	0
West-Bromwich	656	19	2	6				22	0	0	11	0	0
Wednesbury	1907	50	0	0				39	0	0	21	0	0
Walsall	708	18	12	5	40	0	0	16	16	0	5	0	0
Wolverhampton	1304	45	10	0				35	18	0	21	0	0
Dudley	1537	34	1	2				34	19	7	20	0	0
Stourbridge	500	13	0	0	58	0	0	9	8	4	3	0	0
Stourport	487	11	1	6				8	0	0	3	0	0
Worcester	297	8	10	0	12	0	0	5	16	9	2	0	0
Bromsgrove	157	2	15	6	40	0	0	2	4	8			
Evesham	223	4	0	0	34	0	0	3	15	0			
Redditch	387	6	15	0				4	0	0	3	0	0
Coventry	350	5	11	0	60	0	0	3	12	0	1	0	0
Leamington	326	8	9	0	40	0	0	6	6	0	3	0	0
Stratford-upon-Avon ..	155	2	6	0	30	0	0	2	11	4	3	0	0
Hinckley	570	6	2	6				6	12	0	2	0	0
Shrewsbury	299	9	2	0	20	0	0	5	19	7			
Madeley.....	1037	20	6	0	40	0	0	13	5	0	5	0	0
Wellington	519	7	11	3	79	0	0	8	5	7	3	0	0
Ludlow	428	5	12	6	62	0	0	3	14	0			
Kington.....	389	6	14	0	20	0	0	5	2	0	2	0	0
Totals.....	14827	351	17	4	535	0	0	292	17	11	140	0	0
XVII. Macclesfield Dist.													
Macclesfield	1389	42	0	0				17	6	1	8	10	0
Buxton	420	10	0	0	58	0	0	4	12	8	0	9	6
Congleton	862	18	0	0				8	3	5	5	0	0
Nantwich	550	12	0	0	21	0	0	8	0	0	3	6	6
Northwich.....	650	16	10	0				12	5	0	3	13	6
Burslem	792	20	0	0				10	0	0	4	15	0
Tunstall.....	856	16	0	0				7	10	0	5	6	0
Newcastle-under-Lyne	604	10	10	0	40	0	0	6	11	6	3	6	6
Longton.....	334	7	0	0	40	0	0	5	13	2	2	0	0
Stafford	275	6	0	0	37	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0

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		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Leek	974	26 1 3		15 17 1	8 10 0
Uttoxeter	348	4 4 0	20 0 0	3 11 0	2 2 0
Cheadle	171	3 0 0	24 0 0	2 12 8	1 1 0
Additional Subscriptions		1 3 0			
Totals.....	8225	192 8 3	240 0 0	107 8 7	50 0 0
XVIII. Liverpool District.					
Liverpool, North	946	47 0 0		35 10 0	15 0 0
Liverpool, South	1556	65 0 0		36 16 5	15 0 0
Birkenhead	488	21 0 0		12 0 0	5 0 0
Liverpool, Welsh	569	12 10 0		4 10 0	2 0 0
Chester	773	23 10 0		12 5 6	6 0 0
Mold & Buckley-Mount	106	2 16 6	43 0 0	1 16 0	
Carnarvon and Bangor..	42	1 17 6	55 0 0	2 7 6	
Holyhead	45	1 7 6	55 0 0	1 3 0	
Wrexham	370	6 1 6	15 0 0	5 10 0	
Whitchurch	476	8 15 0	40 0 0	7 0 0	2 0 0
Warrington	327	9 10 0	40 0 0	11 13 4	3 0 0
Runcorn	552	16 0 0		5 0 0	3 0 0
St. Helen's	460	13 8 6	40 0 0	9 7 0	4 0 0
Southport	129	8 11 6	15 0 0	9 0 1	
Ormskirk	304	5 10 0	15 0 0	3 9 0	
Wigan	425	8 10 0	40 0 0	9 0 0	3 0 0
Preston and Chorley....	1102	25 10 0		22 0 0	8 0 0
Garstang	412	11 0 0	15 0 0	7 16 4	3 0 0
Lancaster	401	9 10 6	45 0 0	5 10 0	2 0 0
Newtown	530	8 0 0		5 12 0	2 0 0
Totals.....	10013	305 8 6	418 0 0	207 6 2	73 0 0
XIX. Manchester and Bolton District.					
First Manchester	1244	55 4 0		32 8 8	15 0 0
Second Manchester	1466	53 5 0		30 10 0	10 0 0
Third Manchester	875	31 0 0		15 4 0	3 3 0
Fourth Manchester	769	26 5 0		16 0 0	5 0 0
Manchester, Welsh ..	181	3 5 0	9 0 0	0 15 6	
Fifth Manchester	1204	61 2 0	10 0 0	30 8 2	15 0 0
Altrincham	449	14 10 0	35 0 0	12 10 0	5 0 0
Stockport, North	792	28 10 0		14 14 2	10 0 0
Stockport, South	696	15 0 0		7 10 0	5 0 0
New-Mills	420	6 11 9	40 0 0	4 10 0	
Glossop	470	6 10 0	40 0 0	4 0 0	
Ashton-under-Lyne....	1122	19 6 0	21 0 0	10 10 0	2 10 0
Oldham	774	17 10 0		15 2 0	5 0 0
Saddleworth	122	3 10 0	21 10 0	2 1 6	
Bolton	2136	62 10 0		38 8 0	10 0 0
Rochdale	873	18 10 0		10 12 0	2 10 0
Heywood	189	3 13 0		2 3 6	
Burnley	1060	25 12 0		14 6 10	10 0 0
Bury	819	21 0 0		9 10 8	10 0 0
Blackburn	600	13 0 0	10 0 0	9 6 4	7 0 0
Haslingden	714	14 0 0		10 5 0	
Bacup	1245	22 10 0		3 16 3	2 10 0
Colne	582	8 7 0	50 0 0	8 0 0	3 0 0
Clitheroe	401	6 0 0	8 10 0	4 0 0	

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Leigh.....	412	6 12 0		5 15 0	1 10 0
Additional Subscriptions		2 19 8			
Totals	19565	546 2 0	245 0 0	312 7 7	122 3 0
XX. Halifax & Bradford District.					
Halifax	1057	26 0 0		15 1 0	6 12 8
Huddersfield, First	539	14 3 2		6 4 0	4 12 6
Huddersfield, Second ..	740	15 0 0		10 10 0	8 0 0
Holmfirth	492	7 11 2	19 0 0	6 8 0	
Sowerby-Bridge	909	16 0 0		9 1 10	
Todmorden	1150	11 11 0		8 15 0	5 0 0
Denby-Dale	229	3 3 0	34 0 0	2 3 9	
Bradford, West	1484	41 7 6		20 14 10	9 10 0
Bradford, East	1443	26 15 0		21 3 2	10 0 0
Great-Horton	715	8 7 2		7 0 6	
Keighley	1701	24 11 1		13 6 6	11 5 6
Bingley	874	10 0 0		6 10 0	3 0 0
Shipley	326	5 8 6		2 13 0	2 0 6
Skipton	417	7 0 0	40 0 0	5 15 0	
Addingham	689	7 0 0	40 0 0	5 11 8	
Grassington	366	3 5 0	23 0 0	2 0 0	
Settle	315	4 0 0	58 0 0	3 8 1	
Totals	13446	231 2 7	214 0 0	146 6 4	60 1 2
XXI. Leeds District.					
First Leeds	1448	63 0 0		20 18 5	29 10 0
Second Leeds	1665	65 0 0		24 12 7	8 2 5
Third Leeds	1216	26 11 0		12 7 3	3 15 8
Fourth Leeds	1133	25 0 0		11 17 7	2 16 0
Bramley	800	13 18 0	22 10 0	7 6 6	4 0 5
Wakefield	817	20 19 3		14 4 6	24 13 6
Birstal	1005	23 12 6		13 15 8	3 10 0
Dewsbury	1046	17 0 0		12 0 0	
Knaresborough	730	16 12 0		10 12 0	
Otley	782	12 0 0		7 1 0	1 5 0
Pateley-Bridge	804	8 15 0	65 0 0	5 16 0	1 8 3
Pontefract	1340	28 17 0		20 0 0	5 12 0
Cleckheaton	161	4 1 6	30 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0
Yeadon	346	5 2 0	22 10 0	2 2 0	2 0 0
Woodhouse-Grove	559	8 2 0		5 1 0	2 2 0
Totals	13852	338 10 3	140 0 0	170 14 6	89 15 3
XXII. Sheffield District.					
Sheffield, West	1388	49 0 0		30 7 0	
Sheffield, East	1208	45 12 0	70 0 0	31 14 2	
Chesterfield	391	7 15 0	80 0 0	5 6 0	
Bakewell	112	1 10 7	60 0 0	1 12 0	
Bradwell	549	5 0 0	24 0 0	5 0 0	
Rotherham	491	20 10 3		14 6 7	
Wath	506	10 5 6		6 4 0	

CIRCUITS.	Nos.	Yearly	Grants.	July	Spec. Cois. and Subs.
		Collection. £. s. d.		Collection. £. s. d.	
Doncaster	1288	20 1 6		17 13 8	
Barnsley	534	16 5 0		10 13 0	
Retford	1003	14 18 2		10 4 8	
Worksop	504	7 7 0		4 14 0	
Totals	7974	198 5 0	234 0 0	137 15 1	26 12 8
XXIII. Nottingham and Derby District.					
Nottingham, South	1038	27 10 0	40 0 0	18 6 0	8 0 0
Nottingham, North	952	21 0 0		13 17 9	8 0 0
Ilkestone	244	3 13 6	25 0 0	3 1 0	2 10 0
Mansfield	653	10 16 0	35 0 0	7 0 0	4 0 0
Newark	974	26 3 0		12 17 4	5 0 0
Bingham	415	6 0 0	40 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0
Leicester	620	12 0 0		10 15 0	5 0 0
Melton-Mowbray	673	11 0 0	30 0 0	7 7 0	4 0 0
Oakham	212	4 0 0	15 0 0	2 0 0	2 10 0
Stamford	271	6 10 0	22 0 0	3 10 1	4 0 0
Grantham	418	8 0 0	50 0 0	8 15 0	4 0 0
Peterborough	435	6 13 6	27 0 0	4 5 0	4 0 0
Loughborough	612	9 7 6	40 0 0	5 10 0	4 0 0
Castle-Donington	454	6 6 0		5 0 0	4 0 0
Derby	960	25 17 2		19 0 0	5 0 0
Ashbourne	122	3 7 6	42 0 0	3 0 0	2 10 0
Belper	395	8 5 0	40 0 0	4 1 0	4 0 0
Ripley	231	6 7 0	25 0 0	5 1 2	4 0 0
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	532	11 5 0		10 0 0	5 0 0
Burton-on-Trent	338	5 15 0	67 0 0	5 5 0	4 0 0
Cromford	498	6 12 0	40 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0
Totals	11047	226 8 2	538 0 0	156 11 4	91 10 0
XXIV. Lincoln District.					
Lincoln	1444	31 2 10		20 8 7	1 4 6
Sleaford	1025	15 0 0		10 9 0	5 0 0
Market-Raisen	584	10 2 6	40 0 0	6 8 4	7 3 4
Louth	1233	22 4 9		14 8 3	5 0 0
Horncastle	1380	19 14 6		11 16 0	2 18 2
Alford	1160	18 10 0		10 0 0	4 4 0
Coningsby	322	5 7 1		2 17 0	0 10 0
Spilsby	708	11 10 0		5 10 0	2 17 0
Boston	1119	21 8 6		12 10 6	3 9 0
Wainfleet	566	8 5 0	40 0 0	5 18 6	1 5 0
Spalding	385	4 10 0	66 0 0	4 1 6	1 4 8
Bourne	174	2 18 4	12 0 0	2 7 9	1 0 7
			Deduct	Expenses	35 16 3
					4 6 5
Totals	10100	170 13 6	158 0 0	106 15 5	31 9 10
XXV. Hull District.					
Hull, West	1612	50 0 0		18 8 3	5 0 0
Hull, East	1335	26 10 0		11 1 6	3 0 0
Beverley	500	13 11 0	11 13 4	8 0 0	1 0 0
Driffield	721	15 0 0		9 2 0	
Howden	881	21 1 6		12 10 4	

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		Collection.		Collection.	
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Patrinton.....	417	8 12 6	58 0 0	3 1 0	1 0 0
Hornsea.....	404	8 14 0	58 0 0	4 10 0	1 0 0
Grimsby	1554	31 0 0		15 15 0	3 0 0
Gainsborough	1069	21 0 0		12 5 5	1 10 0
Epworth	535	8 7 6	30 0 0	4 14 9	
Snaith	910	16 0 0		9 12 0	
Brigg.....	615	10 10 0	40 0 0	8 8 0	
Barton	1064	22 10 0		13 6 6	1 10 0
Bridlington	1073	23 0 0		13 14 1	1 0 0
Totals	12690	275 16 6	197 13 4	144 8 10	18 0 0
XXVI. York District.					
York	1988	66 0 0		34 2 8	
Tadcaster	788	21 0 0		10 17 0	5 0 0
Pocklington	925	16 12 0		9 12 0	
Malton	900	15 0 0		7 12 5	
Easingwold	1251	21 0 0		10 10 0	
Scarborough	1425	32 0 0		20 0 0	
Pickering	864	11 10 0		5 15 0	
Thirak	821	15 5 0	40 0 0	8 5 0	
Ripon	887	13 11 0		8 12 3	
Selby	1098	28 0 0		13 6 0	6 6 0
Totals	10947	239 18 0	40 0 0	128 12 4	11 6 0
XXVII. Whitby and Darlington District.					
Whitby	1100	25 0 0		12 1 0	
Stokesley	717	12 15 0	35 0 0	9 12 0	
Darlington	708	20 0 0		11 10 0	
Stockton	804	26 4 0		16 16 11	
Barnard-Castle.....	562	9 4 6	80 0 0	6 0 0	
Bishop-Auckland.....	525	10 10 0	40 0 0	7 0 0	
Middleham	646	8 10 0	40 0 0	2 10 0	
Richmond.....	296	6 4 0	24 0 0	4 3 8	
Reeth.....	680	9 10 0		2 16 9	
Bedale	762	9 6 4	20 0 0	3 10 6	
Totals	6800	137 3 10	239 0 0	76 0 10	29 10 0
XXVIII. Newcastle- upon-Tyne District.					
Newcastle	777	28 10 0		15 4 0	2 0 0
Gateshead	830	16 0 0		10 16 6	4 11 6
North-Shields	357	10 16 0		5 19 0	
Blyth and Morpeth	248	3 19 3	43 16 3	1 11 10	
South-Shields	332	7 13 0	19 0 0	3 17 3	
Sunderland	724	23 0 0		14 14 6	5 0 0
Houghton-le-Spring ..	604	5 14 0	40 0 0	5 5 0	3 2 0
Durham.....	979	15 0 0		8 6 0	
Wolsingham	609	7 0 0	15 0 0	3 15 0	
Hexham	346	5 13 3	5 18 6	5 0 0	
Shotley-Bridge.....	650	6 5 0		3 15 0	
Alston	470	4 2 0	34 0 0	2 6 0	

CIRCUITS.	Noa.	Yearly Collection. £. s. d.	Grants. £. s. d.	July Collection. £. s. d.	Spec. Cols. and Suba. £. s. d.
Allendale-Town	504	4 12 2		1 13 0	
Alnwick.....	86	2 10 0	14 10 0	1 2 6	
Berwick.....	49	1 13 6	27 0 0	0 9 6	
			Deduct	Expenses	14 13 6
					3 15 0
Totals	7565	142 8 2	199 4 9	83 15 1	10 18 6
XXIX. Carlisle District.					
Carlisle	226	9 12 0	24 0 0	4 10 0	7 0 0
Brampton	185	3 6 6	27 0 0	1 12 0	1 9 0
Whitehaven	225	4 5 0	27 6 9	1 12 6	1 4 0
Workington	369	3 10 0	25 0 0	2 10 0	3 10 8
Appleby	415	5 0 0	35 0 0	3 0 0	2 7 0
Penrith	800	16 0 0		8 0 0	5 0 0
Wigton and Keswick ..	205	4 1 3	48 0 0	2 10 0	1 2 0
Kendal	670	8 0 0	40 0 0	5 6 0	3 7 3
Ulverstone.....	230	5 10 0	75 0 0	4 12 0	8 0 0
Dumfries	54	1 6 0	48 0 0	0 7 0	0 10 0
Totals	3379	60 10 9	349 6 9	33 19 6	33 9 11
XXX. Isle of Man Dis- trict.					
Douglas and Castletown	1185	16 10 0		6 9 6	
Ramsay and Peel.....	1375	10 10 0		7 6 0	
Totals	2560	27 0 0		13 15 6	
XXXI. Edinburgh and Aberdeen District.					
Edinburgh.....	370	12 0 0	69 0 0	3 7 0	11 10 0
Dunbar	30	0 12 0	50 0 0	0 7 0	1 13 4
Greenock	72	1 0 0	40 0 0	0 10 0	
Glasgow, West.....	460	11 6 3	40 0 0	2 8 11	
Glasgow, East	195	3 6 0		0 10 0	
Airdrie	319	1 8 0		0 10 0	
Stirling and Doune	30	0 10 0	25 0 0	0 7 0	
Ayr	83	1 5 0	48 0 0	0 10 0	
Aberdeen	333	6 0 0	30 0 0	1 10 0	5 0 0
Dundee	112	3 0 0	18 0 0	0 8 0	3 0 0
Perth	65	1 8 6	42 0 0	0 8 0	7 0 0
Arbroath and Montrose	80	2 0 0	35 0 0	0 17 0	5 16 8
Banff.....	56	1 7 0	48 0 0	0 11 0	1 6 8
Inverness	46	1 1 0	45 0 0	0 7 6	7 10 0
Additional Subscriptions		3 11 5			
Totals	2251	49 15 2	490 0 0	12 11 5	42 16 8
XXXII. Shetland Isles District.					
Lerwick.....	601	5 0 0	141 10 0	1 12 0	
Walls.....	433	1 4 0	84 0 0	0 14 0	
Northmavin, &c.	169	1 9 0	73 0 0	1 5 0	
North Isles	177	1 5 0	71 10 0	0 12 0	
Totals	1380	8 18 0	370 0 0	4 3 0	

**GENERAL VIEW OF THE NUMBERS, AND THE YEARLY
AND JULY COLLECTIONS, AND ORDINARY DEFICI-
CIENCIES, 1854.**

DISTRICTS.	Nos.	Yearly	Grants.		July	Spec. Cola.	
		Collection.	£.	s. d.	Collection.	and Subs.	£. s. d.
London	17514	614 0 6	723	0 0	381 2 8	248	0 0
Bedford & North- ampton	9592	173 11 7	392	11 7	120 19 1	65	0 0
Kent	5488	125 8 2	422	0 0	92 12 8	37	0 0
Norwich and Lynn	5882	101 3 3	629	7 6	76 14 2	96	4 6
Oxford	5683	104 4 2	384	0 0	82 4 8	60	13 3
Portsmouth	3989	91 4 6	320	0 0	71 3 6	55	0 0
Channel Islands ..	2862	58 8 6	140	0 0	26 10 6	20	0 0
Devonport	6153	117 8 6	265	0 0	62 6 6	85	0 0
Cornwall	16430	189 7 6	176	0 0	99 15 0	30	0 0
Exeter	4961	95 13 9	416	0 0	62 9 4	28	11 6
Bristol	8018	206 16 0	737	0 0	125 18 6	112	10 0
Bath	6476	120 7 0	189	0 0	76 7 1	16	17 0
1st South Wales..	2687	67 2 0	146	7 0	42 9 8	33	0 0
2d South Wales..	3978	71 18 0	290	0 0	17 19 0	50	12 10
North Wales	7854	103 8 0	420	17 0	27 16 0	31	0 0
Birmingham and Shrewsbury	14827	351 17 4	535	0 0	292 17 11	140	0 0
Macclesfield	8225	192 8 3	240	0 0	107 2 7	50	0 0
Liverpool	10013	305 8 6	418	0 0	207 6 2	73	0 0
Manchester and Bolton	19565	546 2 0	245	0 0	312 7 7	122	3 0
Halifax & Bradford	13446	231 2 7	214	0 0	146 6 4	60	1 2
Leeds	13852	338 10 3	140	0 0	170 14 6	89	15 3
Sheffield	7974	198 5 0	234	0 0	137 15 1	26	12 8
Nottingham and Derby	11047	226 8 2	538	0 0	156 11 4	91	10 0
Lincoln	10100	170 13 6	158	0 0	106 15 5	31	9 10
Hull	12690	275 16 6	197	13 4	144 8 10	18	0 0
York	10947	239 18 0	40	0 0	128 12 4	11	6 0
Whitby and Dar- lington	6800	137 3 10	239	0 0	76 0 10	29	10 0
Newcastle-upon- Tyne	7565	142 8 2	199	4 9	83 15 1	10	18 6
Carlisle	3379	60 10 9	349	6 9	33 19 6	33	9 11
Ile of Man	2560	27 0 0			13 15 6		
Edinburgh and Aberdeen	2251	49 15 2	490	0 0	12 11 5	42	16 8
Shetland	1380	8 18 0	370	0 0	4 3 0		
Totals	264168	5742 7 5	10358	7 11	3501 11 9	1800	2 1

2.—EXTRAORDINARIES.

(1).—TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

	£.	s.	d.
Brother Muff, from Middleham to Hertford.....	5	0	0
Pechey, from Lewes to Chelmsford	2	0	0
Payne, from St. Columb to Wellingborough	5	0	0
Howe, from Ledbury to Sittingbourne	2	0	0
J. Kendall, 1st, from Leyton to North-Walsham	4	0	0
Jeffries, from Dunster to Peasehall	10	0	0
Bissell, from Shotley-Bridge to Walsingham	3	10	0
Danks, from Bury St. Edmund's to Wells, Norfolk	1	0	0
Britton, from Monmouth to Wisbeach	7	0	0
Barker, from Maldon to Thetford	3	10	0
Leach, from Wellington, Somerset, to Downham	1	10	0
Ellidge, from Grassington to Watlington	5	0	0
Driver, from Watlington to Swindon	2	10	0
J. Cooke, 3d, from, Watford, Herts., to Farringdon, Berks.....	1	10	0
Parsons, from St. Mawes to Andover	12	0	0
W. Baker, sen., from Shaftesbury to Camelford	3	14	6
Hughes, from Farringdon to Wadebridge	3	6	0
Hartle, from Huntingdon to Kingsbridge.....	5	0	0
Pilley, from Gwennap to Buckfastleigh	2	0	0
Ricketts, from Uttoxeter to Gwennap	12	0	0
R. Dyson, from Sandhurst to Gwennap	4	0	0
Whitehead, from Ware to St. Agnes.....	5	0	0
Mainwaring, from Market-Harborough to St. Mawes.....	7	15	0
Ryan, from Kingsbridge to Helstone	4	10	0
Emory, from Pembroke to Axminster	4	0	0
Barr, from Inverness to Bideford	12	0	0
Gould, from Ulverstone to Oakhampton	2	10	0
H. Daniel, from St. Austle to Kingswood	4	0	0
Bartholomew, from Brixham to Ledbury	4	0	0
Aldis, from Peasehall to Chepstow	8	0	0
Meadmore, from Hereford to Shaftesbury	5	0	0
W. Allen, 3d, from Colchester to Brynmawr	7	10	0
Bakewell, from Tredegar to Pembroke Dock	3	10	0
Williams, from Lampeter to Tredegar	3	10	0
Richards, from Llanidloes to Cardiff.....	3	15	0
Parry, from Aberystwith to Cardiff	1	0	0
Timothy Jones, from St. David's to Lampeter.....	3	10	0
Nuttall, from Dolgelly to Llandysil.....	1	0	0
T. Jones, 2d, from Cardiff to St. David's	3	0	0
Richard Evans, from Cardiff to Aberystwith	1	0	0
Rowlands, from Brynmawr to Llanidloes	3	0	0
H. Jones, from Llanfyllin to Corwen	1	5	0
J. Hughes, from Corwen to Denbigh	1	0	0

TRAVELLING EXPENSES,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
Brother Joseph Jones, from Cardigan to Dolgelly	1	0	0
E. Pugh, from Holyhead to Llanhayader.....	2	0	0
Budden, from Barnard-Castle to Ludlow	5	0	0
W. O. Aldom, from Reading to Uttoxeter	1	0	0
Pollinger, from Ely to Mold... ..	3	15	0
Thomas H. Hill, from Brampton to Holyhead	2	10	0
Hayman, from Chepstow to Glossop	4	0	0
Samuel Lucas, 1st, from Colchester to Cleckheaton	5	0	0
Rouch, from Wellingborough to Burton	2	10	0
Dean, from Sterling to Cromford	3	0	0
W. Shaw, 2d, from Monmouth to Sleaford	2	0	0
Smailes, from Stourbridge to Bourne	2	10	0
Farquhar, from Shetland to Hornsea.....	12	0	0
Fitzgerald, from Lynn to Barnard-Castle.....	5	0	0
Crofts, from New-Buckenham to Barnard-Castle.....	5	0	0
Fern, from Shetland to Reeth	4	0	0
John Hague, from Downham to Bedale	4	0	0
Turvey, from Cleckheaton to Morpeth.....	3	0	0
Totherick, from Wrexham to Berwick	4	0	0
Freeman, from Coningsby to Whitehaven.....	2	2	0
Mansie, from Brigg to Dumfries	3	0	0
Livingston, from Thetford to Kendall	2	0	0
G. Turner, 1st, from Newark to Edinburgh	5	0	0
J. B. Dawson, from Ormskirk to Leith	4	10	0
J. C. George, from Perth to Stirling	1	0	0
Butters, from Bourne to Inverness	13	0	0
Dent, from Dorchester to Shetland	6	0	0
Foster, from Kendall to Shetland	8	0	0
Unsworth, from Abergavenny to Shetland	6	10	0
	£307	12	6

(2.)—AFFLICTIONS.

	£.	s.	d.
Brother Langley, (Ipswich,) for severe affliction.....	15	0	0
Booth, (Deptford,) for peculiar affliction of his son.....	10	0	0
Late Brother William Hopewell, (Chelsea,) severe affliction	3	0	0
Ditto, funeral expenses	12	0	0
Brother T. Wilkinson, (Canterbury,) for severe and protracted family affliction	10	0	0
John Jones, 3d, (Gravesend,) for severe family affliction	10	0	0
Late Brother J. Cooke, 1st, (Dover,) severe and lengthened affliction	20	0	0
Ditto, funeral expenses	12	0	0
Brother Ranyell, (Rye,) for severe and protracted personal affliction	5	0	0
Keyworth, (Ashford,) for family affliction	5	0	0
Late Brother W. O. Croggon's funeral expenses	12	0	0
Brother Tucker, (Bungay,) for family affliction	5	0	0
Jefferies, (Peasenhall,) for severe personal and family affliction... ..	15	0	0
Baddeley, (Diss,) for long-continued family affliction.....	6	0	0
Nowell, 2d, (Brackley,) for protracted personal and family affliction	5	0	0
J. Cooke, 3d, (Swindon,) for long-continued family affliction	4	0	0

AFFLICTIONS,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
Brother R. Chapman, (Salisbury,) for severe family affliction	10	0	0
P. Parsons, (Andover,) for family affliction	3	0	0
William Baker, sen., (Camelford,) peculiar affliction of his son... 15	0	0	
Hughes, (Camelford,) for family affliction	4	0	0
Geach, (Brixham,) for protracted domestic affliction	15	0	0
Whitehead, (St. Agnes,) for very heavy domestic affliction	20	0	0
Exton, (St. Just,) for severe family affliction	12	0	0
Murray, (Teignmouth,) for severe and protracted family affliction 15	0	0	
J. W. Wilson, (Teignmouth,) for family affliction	5	0	0
J. L. Ball, (Stroud,) for domestic affliction	3	0	0
Bartholomew, (Ledbury,) for severe personal and family affliction 15	0	0	
W. H. Lewis, (Warminster,) for long-continued family affliction 10	0	0	
Crowe, (Dorchester,) for family affliction	5	0	0
Wedlock, (Weymouth,) on account of his peculiar affliction	5	0	0
Hughes, (Crickhowell,) for family affliction	10	0	0
H. Wilcox, (Crickhowell,) for heavy family affliction	8	0	0
W. Powell, (Aberystwith,) for family affliction	8	0	0
W. Rowlands, (Llanidloes,) for heavy family affliction	12	0	0
J. Hughes, (Ruthin,) for heavy family affliction	5	0	0
R. Jones, 1st, (Carnarvon,) for family affliction	10	0	0
Gravel, (Pwllheli,) for protracted domestic affliction	12	0	0
J. R. Chambers, (Bolgelly,) for family affliction.....	3	0	0
Late Brother Daniel Jones, on account of severe affliction.....	6	0	0
Ditto, funeral expenses	12	0	0
Brother Vibert, (Bromsgrove,) for severe personal and family affliction 15	0	0	
Samuel Lucas, 2d, (Stratford-on-Avon,) for long severe personal affliction	10	0	0
Davies, (Liverpool, Welsh,) for severe and long family affliction 15	0	0	
T. H. Hill, (Holyhead,) for lengthened affliction.....	5	0	0
Late D. Evans, (Manchester, Welsh,) funeral expenses	12	0	0
Brother Farquhar, (Hornsea,) for personal affliction	4	0	0
Brown, (Epworth,) on account of peculiar affliction	5	0	0
G. Beard, (Middleham,) for personal affliction	5	0	0
Hobill, (Wolsingham,) for severe personal affliction	10	0	0
Clement, (Workington,) for family affliction.....	7	0	0
Burrows, (Wigton,) for family affliction	4	0	0
Bowman, (Appleby,) for family affliction	2	0	0
Mansie, (Dumfries,) for personal affliction	5	0	0
George Turner, 2d, (Dundee,) for severe and expensive family affliction	5	0	0
	£476	0	0

(3.)—MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

	£.	s.	d.
A supply in the Chelsea Circuit.....	10	10	0
Brother Stott in the Maldon Circuit	10	0	0
Brother W. Davies, 1st, Hitchin, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Expenses of a Minor District-Meeting at Huntingdon	1	10	0
A supply in the Huntingdon Circuit.....	36	15	0
Brother J. Cheeswright, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	4	10	0
Brother Worth, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary... 3	0	0	
Brother John Smith, 1st, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	1	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
Brother Ranyell, for horse-hire	10	0	0
Supplying the place of Brother W. O. Croggon in Sittingbourne ...	38	6	0
Brother J. Kendall, 1st, (North Walsham,) towards keeping a horse	10	0	0
Brother Lowthian, (Swaffham,) towards keeping a horse	10	0	0
Brother Jefferies, (Peasenhall,) towards keeping a horse	10	0	0
Brother Johnson, (Thame,) a very peculiarly urgent case	15	0	0
Brother R. Moody, (Ashburton,) towards keeping a horse.....	10	0	0
Brother Cooke's Assistant in Penzance.....	48	6	0
Brother Janion for horse-hire.....	10	0	0
Brother Bonner for horse-hire	10	0	0
Brother Anwyl for horse-hire.....	10	0	0
Supplying Brother Vibert's place in Bromsgrrove.....	8	0	0
Supplying Brother Lucas's place in Stratford-on-Avon	14	0	0
Late Brother Hocken for horse-hire (omitted last year)	10	0	0
Brother Ballingall, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	1	10	0
Supplying the place of Brother D. Evans, 1st, Manchester, Welsh	5	0	0
Supplying the place of Brother Payne in Glossop	10	10	0
Towards replacing furniture, destroyed by fire in the Minister's house, Settle Circuit	20	0	0
Expenses of a Minor District-Meeting in Bradford.....	4	5	0
Expenses of a Special District-Meeting in Huddersfield.....	7	14	6
Brother G. Croft, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary	2	10	0
Expenses of a Minor District-Meeting at Bakewell.....	2	4	6
Expenses of a Special Meeting at Cromford.....	1	10	0
Supplying the place of Brother Garrett in Louth	15	0	0
Special expenses in the Bradford District.....	9	14	6
Supplying the place of Brother Bond in Louth	10	10	0
Brother Garrett, an additional Minister in Louth	48	6	0
Supplying the place of Brother Knaggs in Grimsby	15	15	0
Brother James Bate for horse-hire	8	0	0
Brother Ash towards keeping a horse	10	0	0
Brother Jewett, carriage of boxes on becoming a Supernumerary... ..	3	10	0
Supplying Brother H. Richardson's place in Stockton	5	5	0
Supplying Brother Benjamin Frankland's (jun.) place in Barnard-Castle	5	5	0
Supplying Brother Hobill's place in Wolsingham	5	5	0
Supplying Brother Mansie's place in Dumfries	12	2	0
Brother Frankland, Clitheroe, for horse-hire.....	10	0	0
Brother Lewis, Richmond, for horse-hire.....	10	0	0
Chairmen's visits to various Circuits	48	16	8
Expenses of Deputations appointed by the District.....	30	16	0
Expenses of Financial Meetings in Manchester and London	85	5	5
Parliamentary Papers, printing, advertising, and other expenses of the Committee of Privileges	45	18	5
Travelling and other expenses of the Secretaries of the Contingent Fund.....	5	17	7
Printing Pastoral Addresses and other Connexional Documents ...	101	18	6
Printing Yearly and July Collection papers.....	51	0	0
Expenses attending the Special Examination, in London, of Candidates for our Ministry	40	12	0
Treasurers' stationery, letters, parcels, &c.	2	13	0
The expenses of the President in visiting Scotland and Ireland, and attending various Committees in London.....	17	10	0
The expenses of the Secretary in attending the Irish Conference... ..	7	10	0
The President's Assistant	80	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES,—*Continued.*

	£.	s.	d.
The President's and Secretary's official letters, stationery, carriage of parcels, &c.	6	19	0
Brother John Scott, expenses in visiting the Irish Conference	7	10	0
Brother H. Davies, expenses in visiting the Second South Wales District-Meeting	1	5	0
Allowed for Furniture to Supernumeraries and Widows.....	585	0	0
Brother R. Bell, an additional Minister in First Huddersfield	48	6	0
Ditto, as a newly-married man (in part)	6	0	0
Interest of Money borrowed, and Bank commission	233	8	4
Towards the support of Students on the President's List of Reserve	56	5	0
Balance paid to a newly-married man in Beverley.....	5	16	8
Supplying Brother Langley's place in Ipswich	5	0	0
Expenses of Brother Hanson in attending Conference	3	15	0
Amount of Miscellaneous Expenses	1,991	16	1
Ditto, Travelling Expenses.....	307	12	6
Ditto, Afflictions	476	0	0
Total amount of Extraordinaries	£2,775	8	7

SCHEDULE B.

BALANCE-SHEET OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr. 1854.					Cr. 1854.				
The Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.					Per Contra.				
	£.	s.	d.			£.	s.	d.	
To Cash received from the Treasurers of the Relief and Extension Fund	11,148	0	0	By Balance due to the Treasurers, August, 1853	10,750	0	0		
To Yearly Collection, 1854	5,741	12	11	By Amount paid for Ordinary Deficiencies, 1854	10,358	7	11		
To July Collection, 1854	3,501	11	9	By Amount paid for Extraordinary Deficiencies, 1854	2,775	8	7		
To Special Collections and Contributions, 1854..	1,800	2	1	By Grant for Ireland.....	650	0	0		
To Payment from the Executors of the late Robert Scott, Esq., towards the support of the work of God in Shetland	85	3	10						
To Legacy from the late Miss Harvey (less Property-tax)	22	19	0						
To Amount received from the Missionary Committee, in compensation for returned Missionaries, taken into the work at home	770	0	0						
To Donation by Thomas Wade, Esq.....	10	0	0						
To Donation by a Secret Friend	2	0	0						
To Donation by Thomas Bagnall, Esq.	50	0	0						
To additional July Collection from Bacup.....	5	11	0						
To Balance due to the Treasurers, August, 1854.	1,396	15	11						
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				£24,533 16 6					

Examined and found correct, with a Balance of One Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, and Eleven Pence due to the Treasurers.

August 14th, 1854.

JOHN COLLINS,
WILLIAM PHIPPS.

ABSTRACT OF THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE CHILDREN'S FUND FOR THE YEAR 1853-1854.

Dr.	£.	s.	d.	Ca.	£.	s.	d.
To Balance of Receipts over payments in the following Districts:—				By Balance due to the Treasurers, as per last published Account.....	727	15	2
Bedford and Northampton	111	0	9	By Amount paid to the Treasurers of Kingswood and Woodhouse Grove Schools towards the support of two hundred and twenty seven boys at school at the rate of £6. 6s. each	1430	2	0
Oxford	3	3	0	By Amount paid on account of education to seventeen sons of Supernumerary and deceased Ministers	204	0	0
Channel Islands	28	3	7	By Amount paid on account of education to forty-six daughters of Supernumerary and Deceased Ministers ...	386	8	0
Devonport	65	5	6	By Balance of Payments over Receipts in the following Districts:—			
Cornwall.....	462	7	0	London	8	13	1
Bath	55	1	0	Kent	97	13	0
North Shields	100	16	0	Norwich and Lynn ...	119	14	0
Macclesfield	132	6	0	Portsmouth.....	22	18	0
Liverpool	41	14	9	Exeter.....	11	1	0
Manchester and Bolton	275	12	0	Bristol.....	6	6	0
Halifax and Bradford...	335	9	10	First South Wales	26	15	6
Sheffield.....	107	17	9	Second South Wales ...	172	15	9
Lincoln	236	6	6	Birmingham and Shrewsbury.....	97	13	0
Hull	226	8	2	Leeds	23	0	6
York	185	17	4	Nottingham and Derby	31	10	0
Whitby and Darlington	34	12	11	Newcastle	73	2	3
Ile of Man	59	17	7	Carlisle	72	9	0
Received for Children of Missionaries	252	0	0	Edinburgh	132	6	0
Balance due to Treasurers	1027	2	7	Shetland.....	50	8	0
				By Interest on Money borrowed	36	0	0
				By Carriage, Printing, Stationery, Stamps ...	10	12	0
	£3,741	2	3		£3,741	2	3

**SAMUEL HILL SMITH,
THOMAS BEET.**

A LIST OF THE PRESIDENTS

OF

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE,

SINCE THE DEATH OF THE REV. JOHN WESLEY.

1791, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. WILLIAM THOMPSON.
1792, <i>London,</i>	REV. ALEXANDER MATHER.
1793, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. JOHN PAWSON.
1794, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. THOMAS HANBY.
1795, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. JOSEPH BRADFORD.
1796, <i>London,</i>	REV. THOMAS TAYLOR.
1797, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. THOMAS COKE, LL.D.
1798, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. JOSEPH BENSON.
1799, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. SAMUEL BRADBURN.
1800, <i>London,</i>	REV. JAMES WOOD.
1801, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. JOHN PAWSON, <i>Second Election.</i>
1802, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. JOSEPH TAYLOR, 1st.
1803, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. JOSEPH BRADFORD, <i>Second Election.</i>
1804, <i>London,</i>	REV. HENRY MOORE.
1805, <i>Sheffield,</i>	REV. THOMAS COKE, LL.D., <i>Second Election.</i>
1806, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. ADAM CLARKE, LL.D.
1807, <i>Liverpool,</i>	REV. JOHN BARBER.
1808, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. JAMES WOOD, <i>Second Election.</i>
1809, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. THOMAS TAYLOR, <i>Second Election.</i>
1810, <i>London,</i>	REV. JOSEPH BENSON, <i>Second Election.</i>
1811, <i>Sheffield,</i>	REV. CHARLES ATMORE.
1812, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. JOSEPH ENTWISLE.
1813, <i>Liverpool,</i>	REV. WALTER GRIFFITH.
1814, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. ADAM CLARKE, LL.D., <i>Second Election.</i>
1815, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. JOHN BARBER, <i>Second Election.</i>
1816, <i>London,</i>	REV. RICHARD REECE.
1817, <i>Sheffield,</i>	REV. JOHN GAULTER.
1818, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. JONATHAN EDMONDSON.
1819, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. JONATHAN CROWTHER.
1820, <i>Liverpool,</i>	REV. JABEZ BUNTING, A.M.
1821, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. GEORGE MARSDEN.
1822, <i>London,</i>	REV. ADAM CLARKE, LL.D., <i>Third Election.</i>
1823, <i>Sheffield,</i>	REV. HENRY MOORE, <i>Second Election.</i>
1824, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. ROBERT NEWTON.
1825, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. JOSEPH ENTWISLE, <i>Second Election.</i>
1826, <i>Liverpool,</i>	REV. RICHARD WATSON.
1827, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. JOHN STEPHENS.
1828, <i>London,</i>	REV. JABEZ BUNTING, A.M., <i>Second Election.</i>
1829, <i>Sheffield,</i>	REV. JAMES TOWNLEY, D.D.
1830, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. GEORGE MORLEY.
1831, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. GEORGE MARSDEN, <i>Second Election.</i>
1832, <i>Liverpool,</i>	REV. ROBERT NEWTON, <i>Second Election.</i>
1833, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. RICHARD TREFFRY, SEN.
1834, <i>London,</i>	REV. JOSEPH TAYLOR, 2d.
1835, <i>Sheffield,</i>	REV. RICHARD REECE, <i>Second Election.</i>

1836, <i>Birmingham,</i>	REV. JABEZ BUNTING, D.D., <i>Third Election.</i>
1837, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. EDMUND GRINDROD.
1838, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. THOMAS JACKSON.
1839, <i>Liverpool,</i>	REV. THEOPHILUS LESSEY.
1840, <i>Newcastle-upon-Tyne,</i>	REV. ROBERT NEWTON, <i>Third Election.</i>
1841, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. JAMES DIXON.
1842, <i>London,</i>	REV. JOHN HANNAH, D.D.
1843, <i>Sheffield,</i>	REV. JOHN SCOTT.
1844, <i>Birmingham,</i>	REV. JABEZ BUNTING, D.D., <i>Fourth Election.</i>
1845, <i>Leeds,</i>	REV. JACOB STANLEY.
1846, <i>Bristol,</i>	REV. WILLIAM ATHERTON.
1847, <i>Liverpool,</i>	REV. SAMUEL JACKSON.
1848, <i>Hull,</i>	REV. ROBERT NEWTON, D.D., <i>Fourth Election.</i>
1849, <i>Manchester,</i>	REV. THOMAS JACKSON, <i>Second Election.</i>
1850, <i>London,</i>	REV. JOHN BEECHAM, D.D.
1851, <i>Newcastle-upon-Tyne,</i>	REV. JOHN HANNAH, D.D., <i>Second Election.</i>
1852, <i>Sheffield,</i>	REV. JOHN SCOTT, <i>Second Election.</i>
1853, <i>Bradford,</i>	REV. JOHN LOMAS.
1854, <i>Birmingham,</i>	REV. JOHN FARRAR.

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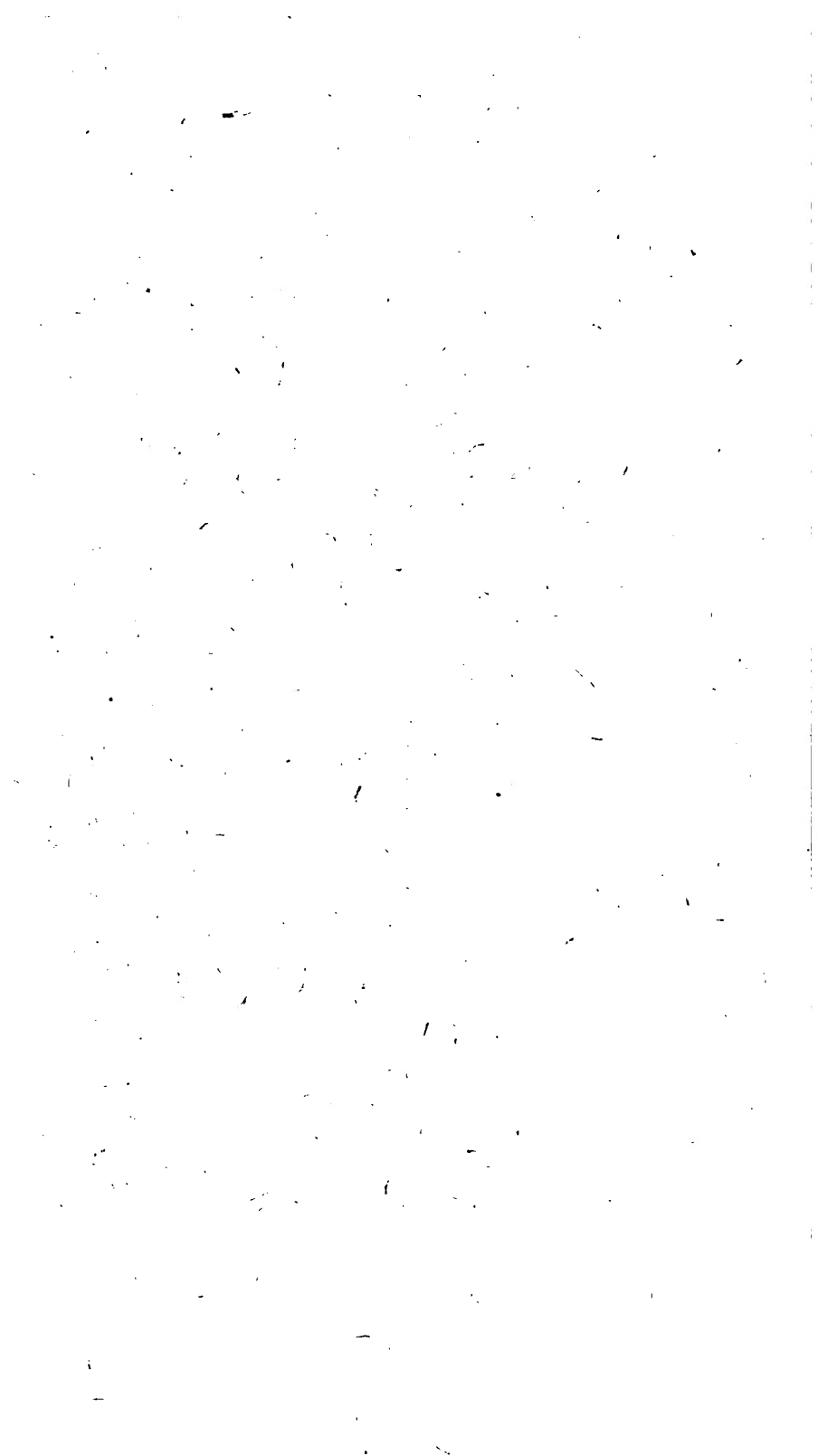
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